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January 22, 2016
By Olivera Perkins

Ohio gained 15,200 jobs in December, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services reported Friday.

The state's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent, up from 4.5 percent in November.

[...]

The state's unemployment rate may have increased despite Ohio gaining jobs because more people were confident they could find work. People are only counted as unemployed if they are not only jobless, but actively seeking employment.

"Part of the increase in the unemployment rate is actually a good sign," wrote Rea S. Hederman Jr., executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Buckeye Institute in Columbus, in an email. "It reflects more people coming back into the labor market."

George Zeller of Cleveland, an economic research analyst, said the increase in the labor force in December was promising.

Read the full article [here](#).

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HOUSE E-CLIPS 02/02/16



LABOR-BACKED GROUP REMINDS OHIOANS OF UNION LAW'S DEFEAT

A labor-backed group that helped defeat collective bargaining restrictions in Ohio says it's using the five-year anniversary of the union law to remind supporters to stay active and engaged in its efforts.

OHIO SUPREME COURT HEARS INJURY LAWSUIT OVER POLICE CHASE

The Ohio Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case of a woman who sued police over injuries she suffered after a high-speed chase ended with a burglary suspect colliding with her car.

OHIO PROSECUTOR SEEKS NEW LAW ON POLICE USE-OF-FORCE PROBES

A county prosecutor in Cleveland wants the Ohio Legislature to amend state laws to allow the Ohio attorney general to present deadly police use-of-force cases to grand juries.

OHIO COURT APPROVES CLASS ACTION IN SPEED CAMERA CASE

A state appeals court approved class action status on Monday for thousands of motorists fined for speeding in a southwest Ohio village with citations issued from automatic camera enforcement.

LEGAL COSTS INVOLVING CONVICTED OHIO JUDGE COULD REACH \$1.7M

The cost of court cases brought for and against a juvenile court judge in southwest Ohio who was convicted of a felony charge after a legal battle over her election as judge could reach nearly \$1.7 million.

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WITH FOCUS NOW ON NEW HAMPSHIRE, FOR KASICH IT'S DO OR DIE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich knows his presidential campaign won't survive a poor showing in next week's New Hampshire primary, and his schedule reflects it.

GROVE CITY SENDS 'PUPPY MILL' BILL BACK FOR MORE WORK

The sponsor of legislation that would have banned the sale of "puppy mill" animals in Grove City withdrew the proposal Monday night, vowing to come up with "a clean ordinance."

OHIO'S HIGHER PRESCHOOL SPENDING STILL LAGS MOST STATES

Ohio's spending on public preschool programs increased this year, like most states.

KASICH TO MAKE HEAVY PUSH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AHEAD OF PRIMARY

It's do or die for Ohio Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign over the next week in New Hampshire, and his schedule reflects it.

OHIO POLITICS NOW: A LOOK AT IOWA AND BEYOND TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

Now that people are finally going to start voting (or caucusing as the case is in Iowa today) we get a look at how much the presidential candidates have to get their word out to voters.

OHIO POLITICS NOW: 'THE REAL RACE BEGINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE' KASICH CAMPAIGN SAYS

A couple of surprises from the Iowa caucuses could affect how Ohio Gov. John Kasich fares in the New Hampshire primary one week from today.

KASICH GETS MOST OF HIS CAMPAIGN CASH FROM OHIO

Ohio Gov. John Kasich may not be leading most other presidential candidates in fundraising, but he can take some comfort in the fact that he's doing far better than any of them in the state that twice elected him governor.

MARY TAYLOR COMMITTEE RAISED \$146,500 LAST YEAR

Onward Ohio, the nonprofit political organization formed by Republican Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor to elevate her visibility ahead of a potential run for governor in 2018, raised six-figures in a few months.

Dayton Daily News
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KASICH DONORS INCLUDE SCHWARZENEGGER

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was among the \$2,700 donors to Republican Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign committee, records filed with the Federal Election Commission Sunday show.

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JOHN KASICH'S TEAM ON IOWA CAUCUS FINISH: 'THE REAL RACE BEGINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'

Ohio Gov. John Kasich had no expectations for the Iowa caucuses.

IOWA IN THE BOOKS, NEW HAMPSHIRE IS NEXT, AND JOHN KASICH IS ALREADY LOOKING TO SOUTH CAROLINA: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

Iowa is done. New Hampshire is next. John Kasich smacks down his super PAC.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES JOIN JOHN KASICH ON NEW HAMPSHIRE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: WHAT TO WATCH FOR TUESDAY

With the Iowa caucuses over, many presidential candidates will spend Tuesday in New Hampshire, including Republicans Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and Donald Trump, as well as Democrats Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders.

REPUBLICAN LOBBYING FIRM OPENS CLEVELAND OFFICE, HIRES TOP CUYAHOGA GOP OFFICIAL

A Republican lobbying firm with Cleveland roots is expanding its presence here by opening a Playhouse Square office and hiring Cuyahoga County's top GOP official.

THE ENQUIRER

IOWA CAUCUS SURPRISES MAY HURT JOHN KASICH'S NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY EFFORT

John Kasich gained only about 2 percentage points in the Iowa caucus Monday night, but so did his top rivals, boosting his campaign's hope for a strong showing in New Hampshire.

TWO GOPERS FEUD OVER LIQUOR CABINET

GOP challenger Courtney Combs says Rep. Wes Retherford treated the statehouse like a frat house, but the incumbent argues that one drink cabinet in his office wasn't improper.

IN NH, KASICH ADS LEAD TO ANGST

John Kasich says his rivals should follow his lead and call on the super PACs supporting them to take down negative advertisements.

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KASICH DIGS IN FOR FINAL STRETCH IN N.H.

Gov. John Kasich has started his final week in New Hampshire, banking on a breakout performance for his presidential aspirations.

CVS TO SELL OVERDOSE ANTIDOTE TO ANYONE

Christa Lammers told a packed audience of politicians, local law enforcement, health-care workers, and substance abuse officials Monday that her brother Jeffrie Shirey, 37, was a heroin addict.

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OHIO HIGH COURT PACKS DRILLING RIGHTS IN YEARS-LONG CASE

A years-long battle over oil and gas leases ended last month when the Ohio Supreme Court upheld contract language that underpins drilling rights on thousands of properties across the state.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER HELPS KASICH CAMPAIGN WITH MAX DONATION

Republican Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign committee and the independent organization supporting him spent \$11.4 million during the final three months of last year as part of his effort to finish among the top three contenders in next week's New Hampshire primary.

EDITORIAL: STATE LEGISLATOR BELITTLES OPPONENT

The photo caught our eye, not only because we thought it was cute, but also because it showed the dedication state Rep. Christina Hagan, R-Marlboro Township, has for her job.

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From Buckeye Institute

From: Reed, Bob
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Thank you!

From: Best, Carolyn
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I can keep looking, but wanted to make sure you saw the national ones.

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Was there nothing in-state?

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Hi Bob,

Are these the articles you're looking for?

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/ohio-needs-a-second-dose-of-labor-reform-1429913774>

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/417260/labor-reforms-sweep-midwest-james-sherk>

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Executive Summary

Ohio House Budget is a Big Step Forward

By Greg R. Lawson, Tom Lanipman, and Joe Nichols

On April 14th, the Ohio House of Representatives unveiled a budget proposal that makes significant growth-oriented improvements and proposes spending *less* money from the General Revenue Fund than the Governor's budget—a true rarity in state budget politics that deserves applause and appreciation.

The House budget advances Ohio in four key ways:

- Pro-growth tax policy
- Medicaid reforms
- Less spending
- Labor reforms

The House budget proposal provides a good start on many key fiscal issues, while highlighting just how much reform and work still needs to be done to make Ohio stronger and more competitive. The House has removed practically all of the Governor's anti-growth tax increases, while advancing a number of sound tax strategies that are pro-growth and make the tax code more equitable. In an effort to reform Medicaid and make costs more transparent, the House budget looks to seek federal waivers to allow health savings accounts in Medicaid coverage. And finally, the House budget initiates a much-needed labor reform by freeing public works projects from the costly and inefficient project labor agreements dictated by unions.

Despite the need for further reforms and cost-cutting measures, under the House plan wasteful spending will be more carefully scrutinized, less money will flow from the General Revenue Fund, Medicaid will be more transparent, government construction contracts will be more competitive, and Ohio taxpayers will keep more of their hard-earned money. For these notable improvements, we say "Thank you."



Policy Report - April 17, 2015

Ohio House Budget is a Big Step Forward

By Greg R. Lawson, Tom Lampman, and Joe Nichols

POLICY REPORT

The budget proposal unveiled by the Ohio House of Representatives on April 14th makes significant growth-oriented improvements to the Governor's proposal and advances Ohio in four key areas.

- **Pro-growth tax policy:** The current House budget removes practically all of the anti-growth tax increases proposed by the Governor, and maintains some of the Governor's pro-growth components. Although the House version could do more to transition Ohio from an income tax system to a consumption tax system, the proposed reductions to the income tax offer marked improvement.
- **Medicaid reforms:** While the Obamacare expansion continues to loom over the budget, the House has introduced reforms to mitigate the damage. The House proposal seeks waivers from the federal government to allow the use of health savings accounts (HSAs) in Medicaid coverage and to increase employment efforts for Medicaid recipients. HSAs allow individuals to control their healthcare expenditures and makes costs more transparent.
- **Less spending:** General Revenue Fund expenditures are almost \$777 million lower in the House budget, demonstrating their commitment to restoring fiscal responsibility. The House budget trims growth in operational expenses and restricts some programs to 2015 funding levels. The proposed Expenditure Committee promises to be an ongoing force for budgetary discipline, identifying inefficiency and waste.
- **Labor reforms:** The House budget bill makes several forward-thinking labor reforms that promise to rein in government spending in the future. Public works contractors will no longer be forced into union-designed project labor agreements, leading to a more competitive bidding process. Charter school employees who join federal unions are excluded from state retirement systems, preventing a deluge of red tape and pension liabilities from drowning the state.

Pro-growth Tax Policy

As we noted in *Tax Reform Principles for Ohio*, sound tax policy must be pro-growth, simple, transparent, and equitable.¹ The House budget adheres to a pro-growth and equitable tax policy by removing practically all of the growth-killing tax increases proposed by the Governor, while still retaining some of his better pro-growth ideas.

For example, the House budget reduces tax rates by 6.3% across all nine of Ohio's progressive tax brackets.² The top marginal tax rate will fall from approximately 5.3% to 4.9% and represents an overall \$1.2 billion tax cut. Aside from corporate taxes, income taxes hinder long-term economic growth the most, so cutting top marginal rates advances a sound pro-growth policy.³ In addition, the Ohio House budget removes some tax hikes that would have targeted specific industries like energy and tobacco. No tax code should be picking winners or losers. By eliminating these tax hikes, the House budget makes the tax code more equitable for Ohio businesses.⁴

Severance Tax

The House removed a massive, inequitable severance tax hike from the state budget, sticking to a sound principle of equitable taxation.

Oil and gas drilling in Ohio's Utica shale has brought billions of investment dollars into the state, which has created new jobs for Ohioans, lowered energy prices, and boosted local government revenues. Governor Kasich again proposed a large severance tax increase that would threaten this economic boon and is neither pro-growth nor equitable. Kasich's proposal would increase the severance tax on a barrel of oil by 1,588%, penalizing shale production and drastically reducing new investment, jobs, and energy production in Ohio.⁵ Shale drillers would curb or cut-off future investment and look to other states for future exploration and opportunities.

The Governor's proposal violated the principle of tax equity by taxing shale drillers' revenues at a much higher rate than those of other businesses.⁶ Drillers would pay a severance tax of 4.5% to 6.5% on their gross receipts *in addition to* the 0.32% commercial activity tax

1 Rea Hederman, Greg R. Lawson, Tom Lampman, and Joe Nichols, "Tax Reform Principles for Ohio," The Buckeye Institute, February 2, 2015,

[http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/Tax_Reform_Principles_for_Ohio\(FINAL\).pdf](http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/Tax_Reform_Principles_for_Ohio(FINAL).pdf).

2 "Legislative Service Commission," Comparison Document - HB 64," Legislative Service Commission April 14, 2015, <http://www.lsc.ohio.gov/fiscal/comparedoc131/h1/comparedoc-hb64-h1.pdf>.

3 *Ibid.*

4 *Ibid.*

5 Energy Information Administration, "Cushing, OK WTI Spot Price FOB," Energy Information Administration, April 13, 2015, accessed April 15, 2015, <http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/hist/LeafHandler.ashx?n=PET&s=RWTC&f=D>. If prices return to the 2013 annual average of \$97.98, the tax would increase by 3,084%. See Energy Information Administration, "Spot Prices, Annual 2013," accessed April 15, 2015, http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_spt_s1_a.htm.

6 *Ibid.*

that most Ohio businesses pay. The House stripped this punitive provision from the budget and should be commended for it.

Cigarette Tax

Governor Kasich proposed raising the cigarette tax by \$1 to \$2.25 per pack. The Governor also proposed raising the tax on “other tobacco products,” such as cigars and vaporized e-cigarettes, to a level that he claimed would be equal to the proposed cigarette tax. Those proposed tax hikes were misguided. Sharp tax increases would make tobacco products much more expensive in Ohio than in neighboring states, and likely create a black market for smuggling cigarettes and other tobacco products across state lines.⁷ This inequitable tax hike would place a higher tax burden on a small group of taxpayers. The House recognized this flawed proposal and pulled it from the budget.

Commercial Activities Tax

Tax economists generally consider the Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) to be especially damaging to the economy because it is levied upon business-to-business sales in addition to final sales to consumers. The CAT thus creates a “pyramiding effect” whereby additional tax costs are added to every step of the production process making it more expensive for businesses and ultimately consumers.⁸ Given the inherent “pyramiding” effect of the gross receipts-based CAT, it is unwise to expand its burden on businesses, especially those with many intermediate transactions and low profit margins. The Governor proposed raising the CAT, but the House wisely removed the Governor’s tax increase, preferring a sound pro-growth tax policy instead. And we applaud them for it.⁹

Sales Tax

Governor Kasich took a good first step in pivoting to a pro-growth consumption-based tax such as the sales tax. The House took the extra step in the right direction by removing the Governor’s proposed one half percent increase in the sales tax rate. The House should continue moving Ohio from income taxes to a consumption-based tax system.

Medicaid Reforms

The House budget paves the way for key improvements in the state’s Medicaid system.

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- 7 Rea Hederman, Greg R. Lawson, Tom Lampman, and Joe Nichols, “One Cheer for Budget, but Improvement Needed,” The Buckeye Institute, February 10, 2015, [http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/2015_Budget_Overview\(1\).pdf](http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/2015_Budget_Overview(1).pdf).
- 8 Andrew Chamberlain and Patrick Fleenor, “Tax Pyramiding: The Economic Consequences of Gross Receipts Taxes,” Tax Foundation, accessed April 14, 2015, <http://taxfoundation.org/sites/default/files/docs/sr147.pdf>.
- 9 Rea Hederman, Greg R. Lawson, Tom Lampman, and Joe Nichols, “Tax Reform Principles for Ohio,” The Buckeye Institute, February 2, 2015, accessed April 14, 2015, [http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/Tax_Reform_Principles_for_Ohio\(FINAL\).pdf](http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/Tax_Reform_Principles_for_Ohio(FINAL).pdf).

First, Governor Kasich proposed implementing premiums for Medicaid recipients with incomes greater than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level, and the House builds upon this policy by requiring the Department of Medicaid to seek a federal waiver to create a new program for adults. The program would create Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) for each participant, and encourage participants to work by referring them to local workforce development agencies. Preliminary analysis from the Legislative Service Commission suggests that these waiver provisions could save Ohio tens of millions of dollars per year.¹⁰ Although The Buckeye Institute maintains that Medicaid expansion was, is, and will continue to be the wrong policy for Ohio,¹¹ the House's waiver provisions should help to make a bad program better around the margins by making health care costs more transparent for Medicaid recipients, preparing them for the responsibility associated with private insurance, and offering them a way out of welfare dependency and into self-sufficiency.

Second, the House bill requires the Department of Medicaid to report on the health outcomes for the new Medicaid expansion population. This report will allow the General Assembly to better assess the costs and benefits of continuing with the Medicaid expansion for the next budget cycle—making this a critical good governance measure.

Finally, the House decreases GRF spending on Medicaid by over \$781 million during the two-year budget cycle. Unfortunately, a budgetary gimmick with hospital fees has allowed the program to draw additional federal dollars into the system and led to an overall increase in spending for Medicaid of \$435 million. But the lower GRF spending is at least a step in the right direction.

Less Spending

The House has truly taken the road less travelled by proposing to spend even less from the General Revenue Fund than the Governor. Typically, the House and Senate propose *more* GRF spending than the Governor proposes, not less. In this rare case, however, the House budget calls for spending almost \$777 million less from the GRF than the Governor's budget¹²—and that 19% reduction is something to be praised.¹³

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- 10 Legislative Service Commission, "Comparison Document – HB 64," Legislative Service Commission April 14, 2015, <http://www.lsc.ohio.gov/fiscal/comparedoc131/h1/comparedoc-hb64-h1.pdf>.
 - 11 Robert Alt and Greg R. Lawson, "Expanding Medicaid: The Wrong Decision for Ohio," The Buckeye Institute, January 31, 2013, [http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/Expanding%20Medicaid%20\(Final\).pdf](http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/Expanding%20Medicaid%20(Final).pdf).
 - 12 Legislative Service Commission, "Comparison Document – HB 64," Legislative Service Commission April 14, 2015, <http://www.lsc.ohio.gov/fiscal/comparedoc131/h1/comparedoc-hb64-h1.pdf>.
 - 13 Rea S. Hederman, Jr., Greg R. Lawson, Tom Lampman, and Joe Nichols, "One Cheer for the Budget, but Improvement Needed," The Buckeye Institute, February 10, 2015, http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/2015_Budget_Overview%281%29.pdf.

To be sure, the House took some small steps back—adding \$2.5 million to Ohio Art’s Council subsidy program, and another \$179 million in education spending beyond the Governor’s own \$700 million increase, which will likely be of questionable value¹⁴—but it also found ways to trim fiscal fat from operating expenses across the board, saving \$25.9 million over the Governor’s proposal. Furthermore, the House takes a harder line on unchecked spending growth, saving \$10.6 million by flat-funding expenditures that the Governor’s budget would otherwise allow to grow.

Even more significant than specific line-item cuts are the House’s forward-thinking reforms.

First, the House proposes limiting the Controlling Board’s authority to increase spending. The seven-person board has considerable spending authority, to the point where it effectively forced Ohio to accept the \$2.5 billion Obamacare expansion.¹⁵ The House proposal will wisely limit the board’s authority to increase expenditures to \$10 million or 10% of the approved expenditure, whichever is lower.

Second, the House proposes to establish the Ohio Expenditure Committee to review all state expenditures for waste and inefficiency. Such a proposal suggests a commitment to restraining government growth and curtailing government spending and waste. The Expenditure Committee reminds us of President Reagan’s “Grace Commission” designed to identify the steps needed to avoid runaway government debt. Regrettably, the Grace Commission’s recommendations were largely ignored and federal debt skyrocketed.¹⁶ Ohio’s General Assembly should not make the same mistake or use the Committee as an excuse for inaction. Instead, the House has presented an opportunity to partner in reform, and its foresight and fiscal restraint are laudable.

Labor Reforms

The House budget proposal kick-starts labor reforms that will help increase competition and lower construction costs on government projects. Any public works project receiving state

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- 14 Robert N. Stewart, “More Money Won’t Buy Better Student Achievement,” Public Interest Institute Brief, accessed April 15, 2015, <http://www.limitedgovernment.org/publications/pubs/briefs/pdfs/brf13-9.pdf>; Jonathan Butcher, “The Myth of Education Cuts and Why Money Can’t Buy an A+,” The Goldwater Institute, June 23, 2013, <http://goldwaterinstitute.org/en/work/topics/education/education-spending/the-myth-of-education-cuts-and-why-money-cant-buy-a/>. See also Dan Lips, Shawna Watkins, Ph.D., and John Fleming, “Does Spending More on Education Improve Academic Achievement?” The Heritage Foundation, September 8, 2008, <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2008/09/does-spending-more-on-education-improve-academic-achievement?ac=1>; and Andrew J. Coulson, “State Education Trends: Academic Performance and Spending over the Past 40 Years,” The Cato Institute Policy Report, Robert Higgs, “Controlling Board Gives OK to use of Federal Money to Pay for Medicaid Expansion in Ohio,” The Cleveland Plain Dealer, October 21, 2013, http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2013/10/controlling_board_gives_ok_to.html.
- 15 Robert Higgs, “Controlling Board Gives OK to use of Federal Money to Pay for Medicaid Expansion in Ohio,” The Cleveland Plain Dealer, October 21, 2013, http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2013/10/controlling_board_gives_ok_to.html.
- 16 Congressional Research Services, “Grace Commission,” The Library of Congress, accessed April 14, 2015, http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metacrs9044/m1/1/high_res_d/1P0281G.pdf.

funds can no longer make signing project labor agreements (PLAs) a condition of submitting a bid. Unions negotiate the terms of PLAs before the first bid is submitted, resulting in bidders

being forced to acquiesce to these demands and unions defining the terms of the bidding process.¹⁷ This raises costs and undermines competition.¹⁸ For example, Ohio construction projects that originally used PLAs but subsequently dropped them between rounds of bidding saw bid prices decrease by 22%.¹⁹ The House budget would prohibit future policymakers from using these stifling agreements as a condition of receiving state funds. This proactive measure will help keep public works costs from spiraling out of control.

The House's effort to end the PLA system is encouraging, and offers hope that the end of Ohio's prevailing wage system may also be in sight. Like PLAs, Ohio's prevailing wage law requires all public contractors to apply union practices. The prevailing wage is set by rigid calculations that only take union wages into consideration, tilting the bidding process in favor of unions and artificially driving up costs. When Ohio's schools were exempted from this abusive practice, the state saved \$487.9 million in construction costs over four years.²⁰

The House also included a provision that will not allow charter school employees who elect to collectively bargain under Federal law to participate in the State Teachers Retirement or School Employee Retirement Systems. This provision will likely generate savings to both pension systems. It will also help avoid enmeshing charter schools in many of the same rolls of red tape that often constrain traditional public schools from achieving their educational aims.

By ending the PLA system and tweaking the law regarding charter school employees, the House has signaled its willingness to roll up its sleeves and do some of the dirty work necessary on labor reform.

Conclusion

The House budget proposal provides a good start on many key fiscal issues, while highlighting just how much reform and work still needs to be done to make Ohio stronger and more competitive.

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- 17 Mary McCleary, "School Building Projects - Rewarding Special Interests at the Expense of Students, Teachers, and Taxpayers," The Buckeye Institute, September 6, 2010, <http://buckeyeinstitute.org/news-from-the-statehouse?id=64>.
 - 18 Paul Bachman & Jonathan Houghton, "Do Project Labor Agreements Raise Construction Costs?" Bentley University, accessed April 14, 2015, <http://www.bentley.edu/centers/sites/www.bentley.edu.centers/files/csbig/bachman.pdf>.
 - 19 Bill Bush, "New Bids to Drop Cost of Work on Deaf, Blind Schools" The Columbus Dispatch, November 10, 2010, http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2010/11/11/New_bids_drop_cost_of_work_on_deafx_blind_schools.html; Mary McCleary, "School Building Projects - Rewarding Special Interests at the Expense of Students, Teachers, and Taxpayers," The Buckeye Institute, September 6, 2010, <http://buckeyeinstitute.org/news-from-the-statehouse?id=64>.
 - 20 Allan Lundall, "The Effects of Exemption of School Construction Projects from Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law," Legislative Service Commission, May 20, 2002, <http://www.lsc.ohio.gov/research/srr149.pdf>.

The House deserves great credit for advancing sound, pro-growth tax strategies that will make the state's tax code more equitable and less suffocating to Ohio families and businesses.

But a bolder shift away from growth-stunting income taxes, a deeper evaluation of the gross receipts business CAT, and reforming the cumbersome municipal income tax system are all additional steps for the General Assembly to take.

Similarly, the House proffered a rare budget in proposing less GRF spending than the Administration, but more fiscal restraint remains to be demonstrated. Education and Medicaid spending, in particular, must soon be addressed and dealt with more severely or the window of opportunity for further reforms will slam shut.

In tackling Medicaid and labor reforms, the House showed a resolve to cut future costs through changing programmatic rules and requirements rather than relying purely on budget line-items. But reforms like HSA waivers and eliminating PLA requirements mark only the beginning, not the end of reforms necessary to contain costs, increase transparency, and make Ohio competitive again.

Despite the need for further reforms and cost-cutting measures, under the House plan wasteful spending will be more carefully scrutinized, less money will flow from the General Revenue Fund, Medicaid will be more transparent, government construction contracts will be more competitive, and Ohio taxpayers will keep more of their hard-earned money. And those improvements are worthy of praise and appreciation.

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No, but here's the text of the article.

Ohio Needs a Second Dose of Labor Reform

If Gov. John Kasich wants to compete for the presidency in 2016, he ought to stand up for employees right now.



Ohio Gov. John Kasich *PHOTO: JIM COLE/ASSOCIATED PRESS*

By

Robert Alt

April 24, 2015 6:16 p.m. ET

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is considering a presidential run—and undoubtedly hoping to leverage his leadership of the quintessential swing state in the Electoral College. But if Mr. Kasich wants to compete against the likes of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, he must stand up for employees and against antiquated labor laws that have made Ohio uncompetitive against its Midwestern neighbors.

Reforms to state labor laws have spread quickly through the region, leaving Ohio behind. In 2011 Wisconsin's changes to its public-sector labor rules drew the media spotlight. In 2012 Indiana and Michigan passed right-to-work laws, ending requirements that employees pay union dues or agency fees to keep their jobs. Gov. Walker followed in March, signing legislation to make Wisconsin the 25th right-to-work state.

Labor reform has even rolled through states whose legislatures lack the political will to enact it themselves. In Kentucky, 12 counties have used their authority under home rule to pass local right-to-work laws. In Illinois, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner signed an executive order enabling similar right-to-work zones. Then Mr. Rauner, joined by three state employees, filed a suit in federal court arguing that forcing workers who aren't union members to pay "fair share" fees is unconstitutional.

Ohio and Gov. Kasich were once at the forefront of this trend. In March 2011, Mr. Kasich signed S.B. 5, a bill that included a variety of public-sector labor reforms, including limits on the ability to strike, limits to collective bargaining, and contribution caps for health-care benefits. But S.B. 5 is a story of mistakes—ones from which Ohio's neighbors learned.

The law didn't exempt firefighters and police, which allowed opponents to paint it as a threat to public safety. Supporters failed to predict, and thus prepare for, the union-funded effort to undo the law by referendum. More than \$30 million was poured into the repeal campaign, much of it spent on scaremongering TV ads, and voters ultimately vetoed S.B. 5 in November 2011, 62%-38%. Days after the vote, a reporter with the Columbus Dispatch asked then-House Speaker William G. Batchelder III whether lawmakers would do things differently the next time around. "Oh, God, yes," Mr. Batchelder replied. "If a fellow falls down the stairs, the next time he'll turn on the light."

Yet despite the furor, the GOP wasn't routed at the polls. In the 2012 elections, Republicans picked up one House seat; in 2014 they gained five more. That put Republicans in control of 65 seats to the Democrats' 35—the largest supermajority either party has held since the chamber became a 99-member body in 1967. The GOP held control of all statewide offices, too. Polls conducted in the aftermath of S.B. 5's repeal showed that a majority of Ohioans said that workers should have the choice of whether to contribute dues to unions.

Even so, for the past four years Ohio's legislature and Gov. Kasich have treated labor reform like a hot stove—once burned, they dare not touch again. But there are now signs that state leaders are getting back their nerve.

On Wednesday, the Ohio House of Representatives passed a budget that prohibits what are known as project-labor agreements in any construction that uses state funds. A project-labor agreement allows unions to negotiate wages and terms for workers on a construction site before any of them are even hired. The union-dictated rules then apply to all bidders, including nonunion employers, frequently requiring contributions to union benefit plans to which the nonunion employees may not even be eligible.

Studies by the Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University show that these agreements increase the cost of construction projects by 12%-18% and decrease competition by nonunion contractors. Experience has borne this out in Columbus: When a project-labor agreement was dropped between rounds of bidding for school construction contracts, the new bids came in as much as 22% lower.

Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger has given Gov. Kasich a modest but significant opportunity to remove impediments to the state's success. The governor wields a line-item veto, so when the bill arrives on his desk, he can choose to keep or to strike the ban on project-labor agreements.

That's assuming the ban makes it through the state Senate, which still must approve the budget. Pressure is mounting on the chamber to strip out the provision. Mr. Kasich could express disapproval quietly behind the scenes, encouraging senators to cut it. Or he could come out strongly and publicly in support of ending project-labor agreements, aiding passage of the reform.

The governor should take the latter step—and many more. As Ohio goes, so goes the nation. No Republican has won the White House without carrying the Buckeye State. The last Democrat to do so was John F. Kennedy. Mr. Kasich overcorrected after S.B. 5 was defeated, strongly suggesting that right to work is unnecessary for Ohio. "We have a pretty good labor climate here," he told the Cincinnati Enquirer. He swung so far in the other direction that he picked up the endorsement last year of Local 18 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, which for years has run billboards claiming that workplace freedom "poisons workers."

The polls say otherwise: Businesses and employees across Ohio are clamoring for right to work. The governor needs to walk back his error and

take another crack at labor reform—for the sake of his state's economy and his own presidential ambitions.

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House Activity for Monday, February 22, 2016

INTRODUCED

HB 471 ■ **COMMISSION ELIMINATION** (Brown, T.) To formally abolish certain boards and commissions that have completed their work and to abolish the Compact with Ohio Cities Task Force.

HB 472 ■ **RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Strahorn, F.) To unfreeze the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction, to permit changes in and Public Utilities Commission action on electric distribution utility portfolio plans in 2016, to revise the setback requirement for economically significant wind farms, and to repeal the setback requirement for wind farms of fifty megawatts or more.

CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

SB 124 ■ **AWARENESS DAY/MONTH** (Thomas, C.) To designate May as "Asthma Awareness Month" and to designate May 5 as "Childhood Asthma Awareness Day."

HB 241 ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Grossman, C., Curtin, M.) To designate the month of September as "Hunger Action Month."

HB 290 ■ **TERMINAL PATIENTS** (Sprague, R., Anielski, M.) To permit a physician to treat a terminally ill patient with a drug that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and permit a drug manufacturer to provide such a drug to the patient or physician.

HB 305 ■ **RETIREMENT SYSTEMS** (Schuring, K.) To include new nonteaching employees of The University of Akron as members in the Public Employees Retirement System and to make an appropriation for the University's School Employees Retirement System employer surcharge payments.

HB 325 ■ **DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT** (Green, D., O'Brien, S.) Regarding encouraging pregnant women who are addicted to controlled substances to seek treatment.


HCR 21 ■ **DD EMPLOYMENT SERVICES** (Romanchuk, M., Antonio, N.) To urge the Congress of the United States to request that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services revise its guidance on employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities to maintain their right to participate in programs offered by facility-based day programs, training centers and sheltered workshops.

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HB 294 ■ **ABORTION** (Patmon, B., Conditt, M.) To require the Department of Health to ensure that state funds and certain federal funds are not used either to perform or promote nontherapeutic abortions, or to contract or affiliate with any entity that performs or promotes nontherapeutic abortions; to provide for health departments and WIC clinics to determine presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and children; and to allocate existing funding within the Ohio Department of Health's budget to the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers for safe sleep, birth spacing, and smoking cessation initiatives.
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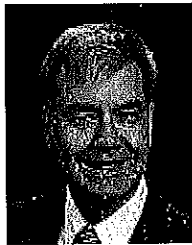
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The administration continues its focus on lowering the cost of college degrees in a higher education mid-biennium review plan unveiled Monday.

The proposal would allow community colleges to offer up to 10 bachelor's degree programs and would create a pilot program in which high school students can receive college credit for math and English remediation courses.

Among other MBR provisions Chancellor John Carey announced at a press event at Lorain County Community College, universities would be required to implement a handful of recommendations from the governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education. (Fact Sheet)



John Carey

"The issue of college affordability is more important than ever. Across the country, the cost of college has far outpaced consumer price index and even healthcare costs. That cost has put the American dream of a college degree out of reach for a growing number of students and families. This is unacceptable," Mr. Carey said.

"Controlling college costs to ensure that more Ohioans can obtain a college degree or credential remains a top priority for Governor Kasich and the General Assembly."

Additional provisions in the bill that Rep. Tim Brown (R-Bowling Green) is expected to introduce on Tuesday include:

- Requiring the Department of Education to study income-sharing agreements as a possible strategy to reducing student loan debt.
- Becoming the 10th state to join the Midwest Exchange Program, which is a tuition reciprocity program that would allow students to enroll in programs at other

states' institutions at a tuition rate that's lower than what typical out-of-state students would pay.

- Creating more "3+1" pathways between two- and four-year institutions so that students are studying at cheaper community colleges longer.
- Joining a partnership with the Western Governors University to award degrees in four areas based on competency and not just the amount of time spent in the classroom.

Joining Mr. Carey were higher education leaders who applauded the plans to expand efforts to reduce higher education costs by supporting dual enrollment programs and pushing collaboration between universities and colleges.

Other speakers included: Lorain County Community College President Roy Church; Sinclair Community College President Steve Johnson; Ray Craig, dean of Bowling Green State University's College of Arts and Sciences; Frank Calzonetti, vice president of government affairs at the University of Toledo; Sen. Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville); and two LCCC students.

In particular, they spoke to the success of 3+1 programs and pointed at the MBR plans as a necessary step toward bringing the initiative to scale statewide.

Mr. Church said students at his two-year institution have saved millions of dollars and shaved years off their higher education careers by taking at least 75% of their classes there before earning a bachelor's degree from a university.

"You can use College Credit Plus and 3+1 and we can assure you that you can graduate with a bachelor's degree by age 20 at less than 20% of the cost of taking that same baccalaureate degree if you had to leave Lorain County and go to (a university offering a) four-year degree," he said. "It's not saying one pathway is better than another, it's saying we need all the pathways we can get in Ohio."

Universities are also supportive of plans to move students more quickly through higher education and at a lower cost, Mr. Craig said.

Bowling Green has been among those schools offering a 3+1 program for more than a decade and CCP has brought some first generation students to the university that may have never pictured themselves there otherwise, he said.

"We've been doing this already for well over a decade. We know that it works. It can be successful for our citizens, our universities and community colleges," Mr. Craig said.

Messrs. Church and Craig said they're hopeful that state support for the program will give it the push it needs to mount in the same way dual enrollment has since the Department of Higher Education and ODE began pushing CCP last year.

Mr. Johnson added that community colleges offering bachelor's degrees that aren't available at nearby universities will also be beneficial because it will allow them to offer credentials in career fields that are specific to the region.

Twenty-five other states permit community colleges to offer advanced degrees, he said.

"This is the kind of policy bill that will help us move forward," Mr. Johnson said, referring to Lumina Foundation research that has determined Ohio needs to increase its percentage of residents with a post-secondary degree from 35% to 65% to fill job demands in the coming years.

When the MBR plan was revealed, Jack Hershey, president of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, also touted its potential benefits.

"These reforms proposed today shine the light on a pathway that has emerged under Governor Kasich that allows students to obtain a degree from their favorite university, while saving up to 80% off the traditional cost of attendance by completing as much of their coursework as possible at a community college," he said in a statement. "The ability for middle class families, single parents, and working adults to obtain a debt-free college degree is once again a reality in Ohio."

Inter-University Council of Ohio President Bruce Johnson said the organization is still examining the proposals to determine its stance, but is supportive of the administration's ongoing efforts to expand higher education options.

"Overall, I think that we appreciate the chancellor's focus on affordability and access and we think that a large and growing percentage of students who are entering public institutions of higher education are choosing public universities and that's because of their evaluation of the value that public universities provide," he said in an interview.

"Certainly providing really good, high-quality choices is great because the state needs to focus on bridging its education gap," Mr. Johnson added.

Education 'Deregulation' Bill Amendments On Hold, Chairman Says

A bill slated for a number of revisions, including holding charter school sponsors harmless for report card scores, has been pulled from the House Education Committee's agenda.

Chairman Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) said last week that the measure (SB 3) would see "quite a few" changes over the course of back-to-back meetings scheduled for Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 19, 2016)

However, the Monday meeting was canceled late last week and Tuesday's has been moved to 2 p.m. The bill and a presentation from the Department of Education were removed from the agenda of the latter meeting.

The delay is caused by a desire on behalf of the legislature and the administration to continue working on the bill before any changes are made public, Rep. Brenner said. He expects any disagreements to be resolved by the time the House returns to session the week of March 14.

"Hopefully we'll get the issues resolved between now and when we come back," he said in an interview.

The chairman was reluctant to reveal what the planned omnibus amendment will include or what proposals are proving to be the most contentious, but said changes will address policy decisions made in the last year.

Despite reports that the proposals would seek to weaken recently enacted charter school overhauls, Rep. Brenner said he doesn't think that's the case.

"There is a discussion of some other issues around equivalency, but that goes back to prior legislation," he said.

Sen. Peggy Lehenr, the Senate Education Committee chairwoman who was behind a number of the HB2 provisions, said attempts to water them down have been unsuccessful.

"I haven't heard of anything that's giving me heartburn," she said of potential updates to the so-called education de-regulation bill. "I know that there have been efforts to put some things in but to my knowledge they're not going in the bill and therefore I'm fine with it."

The chairwoman added that she's supportive of plans to provide safe harbor for charter school sponsors from state report card grades as long as it's only for the 2014-15 school year.

In its original state, the measure is aimed at rewarding high-performing school districts by releasing them from some state requirements.

Former Lawmakers Look To Replace Faber In The Senate

Matt Huffman and John Adams, both of whom left the House in 2014 due to term limits, are running for the seat that comprises Allen, Champaign, Shelby and Mercer counties along with portions of Auglaize, Logan and Darke counties.

Mr. Adams, a businessman and former Navy SEAL, did not respond to multiple attempts to contact him.

Mr. Huffman, a private attorney who rose to the ranks of speaker pro tempore in his first tenure in the legislature, said he has always been drawn to public service.

Prior to his time in the General Assembly he served on the Lima City Council for 14 years, including seven as the body's president.

"If you feel like you can contribute you need to do that in whatever way you can," Mr. Huffman said.

If elected, Mr. Huffman said he hopes to boost manufacturing in the district through increased vocational training and remove disincentives to work.

"We can't fill jobs," he said. "We have jobs that are going unfilled."

More educational dollars should be spent on vocational training and less should be spent on welfare programs, according to Mr. Huffman.

"We understand that in bad times people lose their jobs and they need a little bit of a boost," he said, but added, "Everybody has to do a job at some point in their life that they don't like."

Mr. Huffman also said he will push for a more business-friendly climate in Ohio by fighting efforts to raise revenues through what he deems as backdoor tax increases - "retroactive fines, penalties, things of that nature," he said.

"There should never be a surprise from the government that money is owed by a business, especially when there is a newly acquired business," he said.

Providing clarity in the rule-making process and moving from an income tax to a sales tax are also priorities of Mr. Huffman.

During his first stint in the legislature, Mr. Huffman said one of his crowning achievements was the passage of legislation to standardize contracts between health care providers and insurance companies (HB125, 127th General Assembly). He said the law could likely use some updating.

"Six years since that bill was passed there's been a lot of backsliding in that regard," he said.

Mr. Huffman, who considers himself to be a "small government, pro-low tax, pro-life, pro-second amendment Republican," believes he has a proven track record of getting things done in the Statehouse that would be of value to the legislature.

"You can be whatever you say you want to be, but you also have to be effective," he said. "That's why we were able to pass a pretty conservative agenda."

During his tenure in the House, Mr. Adams was considered among the more right-leaning members of a conservative majority under then-Speaker Bill Batchelder. He was elected twice to serve in caucus leadership.

Along with the usual conservative causes such as tax cuts and anti-abortion initiatives, Mr. Adams was a staunch proponent of oil and gas drilling in parks and other state lands and sponsored legislation to that effect (HB133, 129th General Assembly).

His anti-abortion efforts included a bill to require paternal consent for abortions (HB252, 128th General Assembly).

Outside of his General Assembly activities, Mr. Adams served as the Ohio legislative chair of American Legislative Exchange Council.

No Democrat filed to run for the heavily Republican seat.

After One Candidate Drops Out, Three Republicans Face Off In House District 47 Primary

An ex-mayor, a school board member, and a Toledo business owner are elbowing for a shot at the 47th House District seat occupied by term limited Rep. Barbara Sears (R-Maumee).

A fourth GOP contender - Monclova Township trustee and Mercy St. Vincent Foundation Development Director Barbara Lang - last month dropped out of the race following discussions with party leaders, saying a crowded primary is not in voters' best interest.

Among the remaining candidates are realtor and former Waterville Mayor Derek Merrin, Sylvania school board member Vicki Donovan Lyle, and business owner and former Sylvania township trustee Kevin Haddad.

The winner of that contest will face Democrat Michael Sarantou of Sylvania Township come November.

The trio of GOP candidates spoke in interviews about their goals for the district if elected.

Mr. Merrin, who has earned endorsements from Rep. Sears, Rep. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon), and Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green), served on the Waterville City Council between 2007-2008

He was first elected in 2007, unseating a three-term Democrat and becoming the youngest mayor in Ohio at the time when he took office in 2008. He credits that win to a message of fiscal conservatism and open government.

"I governed as a strong fiscal conservative who opposed tax increases," he said. "I implemented many cost savings reforms. I'm a strong believer we must empower our local officials by addressing state laws that restrict their ability to govern."

After his term ended and he decided not to seek reelection, he spent four years working for the state auditor's office and is now a realtor and real estate investor.

"My number one priority will be creating an environment that ignites Ohio's economic engine," he said. "I believe our state needs pro-growth reforms to our tax code, regulatory rules, and legislation that furthers individual freedoms."

Ms. Lyle has served on the Sylvania school board since 2004 and owns a business specializing in health insurance and benefit consulting.

She said her experience as a school board member overseeing a district with an \$82 million budget has given her an appreciation for public office and the accountability that comes with it.

"We're expected to keep ourselves fiscally solvent and responsible and accountable in a transparent way to the community," she said. "All of those critical pieces are part of what any good elected official (does) in terms of having that kind of background and experience that's going to translate to the bigger stage."

She said she wants to reduce the state's role in the classroom, by decreasing standardized testing and "teaching to the test." Other priorities include better matching job opportunities with potential workers and addressing the financial burden she said is placed on individuals and businesses to secure healthcare.

If elected, she said, she'd focus on being open and accessible to constituents.

"I've had 30-plus years in the workforce having my own business as a small business owner," she said. "In addition to that, I think my time on the school board has served me well to understand that listening is a primary component for an elected official. It's not about our agenda, but what are the concerns for our constituents."

Mr. Haddad is a former president of the Township Association of Lucas County. He's also a real estate owner and for 40 years owned and operated a Toledo hair salon.

After being elected township trustee in 2009, Mr. Haddad lost reelection in 2013. He previously mounted a failed bid as an independent in 2012 for a county commissioner seat. After finding difficulty winning local races as a conservative, he said, he believes he'll have greater odds in a Statehouse race.

"For me, it's not about the job, not about the money," he said. "It's about fixing the state up before it gets wiped out."

He said he wants to reverse cuts to the local government fund enacted in recent years, but also institute new accountability measures to monitor how those funds are used.

"If we restore the local government fund in a way that would go to each community - I'm not going to give it to the counties - I'm going to ask a lot of people give us your budget

and we're going to audit you to make sure you spent that money properly on those issues," he said.

He said he'd push for an elimination of school levies, which he contends are "illegal and unconstitutional."

Mr. Merrin alleges his two opponents aren't conservatives and said he has widespread support in the district. He said he wants to better control government spending while lowering taxes.

"I'm the only conservative that is running," Mr. Merrin said, claiming that his opponents each "have a record of voting and supporting increased taxes."

"I'm the only candidate that has consistently opposed tax increases as an elected official," he said.

Ms. Lyle, in response, said her opponent was likely referring to a series of school levies voters had approved during her time on the school board. She said the board worked to ensure citizen comments were received when weighing potential cost savings efforts and levy proposals.

Like with all school levies, she said, it's not the school board approving the property tax increase but the voters. She said she would prefer no taxes be increased, but that the board is forced to act within the confines of the current funding system.

"We take every effort and every opportunity to be judicious and fiscally responsible and conservative as we can; we value and appreciate the taxpayers' investment," she said. "But we also understand we are limited in our options of how to raise revenue - of which that is one. So it is the voters who decide, not the school board, as to whether (an increase in) taxes will be put in place."

Mr. Haddad said he was able to pass three of his four priorities as a township trustee and that several cost saving measures he proposed were voted down by other trustees.

He criticized Mr. Merrin for his handling, while mayor, of an ordinance that would have barred sex offenders from living in certain parts of the city. The ordinance, which Mr. Haddad contends would have concentrated sex offenders in a handful of neighborhoods, was later scrapped by the city council in a 6-1 vote in 2008 following public opposition.

"When I was a trustee, I worked conservatively," Mr. Haddad said. "I can foresee the future on a lot of issues and I look at every angle of it and I make sure it's done as properly and accurately as possible so we don't have any problems."

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Kasich Jostles With Rubio For Bush Donors Following SC; Graham, Sabato Mull Potential Rubio-Kasich Ticket

Unlike Gov. Bush, the Kasich camp made clear early on it did not have high hopes for South Carolina, instead preferring to lay groundwork in friendlier upcoming Midwestern states like Michigan. Mr. Bush announced Saturday night he was suspending his campaign, a move that enabled Kasich backers to tout their candidates as the last governor standing.

Kasich for America Chief Strategist John Weaver said the South Carolina results show the field has been winnowed to a four man race and that Gov. Kasich has emerged victorious from the "governor's bracket."

"Only four candidates have top-three finishes in any of the early states and can justify staying in," he said. "While others were making their last stand in South Carolina, John Kasich strengthened his organization and support - despite being outspent by tens of millions of dollars. He also focused on the key states ahead for us, like Michigan, where he is currently second, Massachusetts and Vermont."

But Gov. Kasich faces an uphill battle jostling with Sen. Rubio to pick up remnants from Mr. Bush's failed campaign; those donors and staffers may be more drawn to the senator, who has raised more money and seen more success in the Iowa caucuses and SC primary than Gov. Kasich.

"John Kasich may be able to compete in places such as Massachusetts and Michigan in early March, and hang on to win Ohio with the hope that his delegates prove crucial," according to analysis from Sabato's Crystal Ball. "But he just isn't built to play in enough states, nor does he have a broad enough appeal in the GOP, to truly challenge for the nomination."

"Most mainstream Republicans will sooner or later move to Rubio, but will it be soon enough? He can't keep on finishing second or third - or fifth, as he did in New Hampshire. You have to start winning, but where?"

On Monday, former candidate and Bush backer Sen. Lindsay Graham mused during an interview that a Rubio-Kasich ticket "would be (a) very potent ticket in the fall and maybe help us stop Trump."

Added Sabato's Crystal Ball: "Rubio might want to consider a daring gambit - openly offering Kasich the vice presidential slot in exchange for the Ohio governor's support."

Gov. John Kasich finished fifth out of six candidates in the South Carolina Republican primary Saturday, landing far behind winner Donald Trump. Mr. Trump won 32.5% of the vote, while Mr. Kasich won the support of 7.6% of voters.

Sen. Rubio won a narrow second place victory at 22.5%, followed by Sen. Ted Cruz at 22.3%. Gov. Kasich fell just short of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who came in fourth with 7.8%. Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson earned 7.2% of the vote.

The Kasich campaign is banking on a successful showing in Michigan, where a weekend American Research Group poll ranked him in second at 17%, above Sens. Rubio and Cruz, who were each at 12%.

The Kasich campaign on Monday announced its Michigan team (full roster), which will be chaired by former congressman Pete Hoekstra, State Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, State House Speaker Pro Tempore Tom Leonard, and former RNC committeeman Chuck Yob.

With the field narrowing, Gov. Kasich is expected to face increasing calls to withdraw in an effort to consolidate support behind Sen. Rubio among establishment figures who hope to mount an effort to thwart Mr. Trump and Sen. Cruz from landing the nomination. Gov. Kasich's continued presence may siphon support that might otherwise be thrown at the freshman senator from Florida.

Kasich Gains/Loses Endorsements: On Sunday, the *Columbus Dispatch* reported that Kasich campaign Colorado co-chair B.J. Nikkel is endorsing Sen. Rubio. The paper quoted the former state lawmaker as saying "it's time for conservatives of conscience to rally behind the one man who can defeat New York billionaire Donald Trump."

At the same time, billionaire financier Stanley Druckenmiller threw his support behind Gov. Kasich, according to the *New York Times*.

"Mr. Druckenmiller confirmed in an email that he was supporting Mr. Kasich, but did not elaborate," the paper reported. "Last year, he donated more than \$450,000 to groups supporting Mr. Kasich, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey and former Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida."

It remains to be seen who, if anyone, Mr. Bush might endorse. A *Politico* report Sunday cited those close to Mr. Bush as saying a Kasich endorsement was "unlikely." But an endorsement of Sen. Rubio might also be a stretch considering the pair's increasingly contentious relationship on the campaign trail in recent months.

Gov. Kasich landed several endorsements in recent days, including those from former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld, former Nevada GOP Chairwoman Amy Tarkanian, and Nevada Speaker John Hambrick. Also endorsing the governor are the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and the *Corpus Christie Caller Times* of Texas.

The Kasich campaign Sunday announced it has hired Mike Schrimpf, formerly chief communicator for Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner, to oversee its communication outreach. Kerry Knott, former chief of staff to former U.S. Majority Leader Dick Armey has been hired as the campaign's senior policy adviser.

Coming Soon: GOP candidates will next focus on Nevada, where caucuses will be held on Tuesday. A CNN debate is scheduled for Thursday, though qualifying criteria have not yet been announced.

After Nevada is a key March 1 date, when nine states hold primaries and three states hold caucuses in the so called SEC Primary. Primaries will be held that day in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. Alaska, Colorado and Minnesota have caucuses on March 1.

The Kasich-backing super PAC New Day for America on Monday announced the rollout of its national political operation which will involve more than 50 staff members and 14 officers across 12 March primary states.

Targeted states include Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Vermont, Virginia, Kentucky, Maine, Hawaii, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio and North Carolina.

"Our Super PAC's focus on the ground game is unique and, just as we did in New Hampshire, we fully expect our team to impact the race for the nomination," New Day spokeswoman Connie Wehrkamp said. "We are strategically placing our focus and resources where we can make the biggest impact and ensure John Kasich, the one Republican who can win in November, is our nominee."

In a Monday Emerson poll of Massachusetts, conducted Feb. 19-21 with a 5.7 percentage point margin of error, Gov. Kasich placed third at 13%, behind Mr. Trump at 50% and Sen. Rubio at 16%.

Politics Notebook: Kasich Draws Attention For 'Kitchen' Remark, Signs PP 'Defund' Bill; Poll Shows 74% Of Ohioans Support Medicinal Pot...

Remarks from Gov. John Kasich on women leaving their kitchens to campaign for him drew quick backlash Monday, one day after the governor signed a bill to "defund" Planned Parenthood in Ohio.

The governor made the remark during a town hall in Fairfax, Va., as he sought to explain how he was elected to the Ohio Senate in 1978.

"We just got an army of people and many women who left their kitchens to go out and go door to door and put yard signs up for me," he said according to video that first caught attention.

The initial video, posted by a YouTube account that has released a handful of previous anti-Kasich videos, did not show how Mr. Kasich concluded the remark.

Subsequent video of the full remark added context, showing that Gov. Kasich went on to say that campaign occurred "all the way back when things were different. Now you call homes and everybody's out working. But at that time, early days, it was an army of the women that really helped me get elected to the state Senate."

Twitter users quickly seized upon the statement, followed closely by national media outlets.

Kasich for America spokesman Chris Schrimpf responded to the outcry, saying in a statement that the governor's campaigns have "literally been run out of his friends' kitchens and many of his early campaign teams were made up of stay-at-home moms who believed deeply in the changes he wanted to bring to them and their families."

"That's real grassroots campaigning and he's proud of that authentic support," Mr. Schrimpf said. "To try and twist his comments into anything else is just desperate politics."

The Ohio Democratic Party subsequently painted the governor as out of touch, accusing him of giving *Mad Men* television character and womanizer "Don Draper a run for his money."

The remarks came one day after the governor signed a bill (HB 294) to eliminate \$1.3 million in state funding to Planned Parenthood. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 10, 2016)

The Planned Parenthood Action Fund said the bill will have "devastating consequences for women" across the state.

"John Kasich is proudly eliminating care for expectant mothers and newborns; leaving thousands without vital STD and HIV testing, slashing a program to fight domestic violence, and cutting access to essential, basic health care," President Cecile Richards said. "It's clear Kasich has no regard for women's health or lives and will stop at nothing to slash health care for millions."

Ohio Right to Life, in contrast, praised the bill's signing.

"Thanks to the pro-life leadership of Gov. Kasich and his work with Ohio Right to Life, Ohio's abortion industry is shrinking," ORTL President Mike Gonidakis said. "As Planned Parenthood haggles over the hearts and brains of aborted babies, Ohio Right to Life is marking history with legislation that is both ethically consistent and fiscally responsible."

Pot Amendment: A poll released Monday by Marijuana Policy Project showed nearly three-fourths of Ohio voters support amending the constitution to legalize medical marijuana for those with terminal or debilitating petitions.

The poll, conducted by Public Policy Polling, shows that 74% of voters support a proposed amendment, with 22% opposed, according to a news release.

"It's become pretty common knowledge that marijuana can be incredibly beneficial in the treatment of a variety of medical conditions," Mason Tvert, a spokesman for Ohioans for Medical Marijuana, a committee that has been formed to support MPP's forthcoming ballot initiative, said in a statement.

"It's not surprising that a vast majority of voters agree patients should be allowed to consume it if their doctors think it could be helpful. There are few laws still on the books that are as unpopular as those that prohibit sick and dying people from accessing medical marijuana."

According to the poll, 85% of self-identified Democrats and 69% of self-identified Republicans said they supported legalizing medical marijuana.

Ohioans for Medical Marijuana is drafting a ballot initiative and expects to start the petition process later this month, according to the release. Another pro-marijuana group has already suspended its petition efforts in favor of supporting the MPP-backed proposal. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 19, 2016)

"Ohio's current marijuana policy is antiquated and inhumane," Mr. Tvert said. "We hope to give voters an opportunity to change that this November. We're confident that most Ohioans will support a well-written initiative that gives seriously ill people the right to use medical marijuana if their doctors recommend it."

8th Congressional District: Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) on Sunday announced he has earned the support of Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones and Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer in the race to succeed former U.S. Rep. John Boehner.

Sen. Beagle is among more than a dozen GOP candidates vying for the seat in an upcoming special election. Sen. Beagle and Rep. Tim Derickson (R-Oxford) are the two most high-profile contenders.

U.S. Senate Race: A poll from the Democratic polling outfit PPP shows U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) battling weak approval numbers.

The poll found the senator with a 30-39% approval rating, placing him "very much in the danger zone for reelection based on those low approval numbers," according to the group.

Former Gov. Ted Strickland and Cincinnati Councilman PG Sittenfeld are competing in the Democratic primary for the chance to unseat Sen. Portman.

Mr. Sittenfeld on Friday criticized Gov. Strickland for failing to show up to a Monday event at the Cleveland City Club where Mr. Sittenfeld had hoped the candidates would debate. Gov. Strickland has repeatedly rebuffed Mr. Sittenfeld's calls for debates, saying he'd prefer to focus on competing with Sen. Portman.

Court Briefs: High Court Sets Execution Date; Visiting Judge To Hear Case; Web Site On Judicial Candidates Updated

The state's high court has set an execution date for a man convicted of the 2004 killing a Toledo woman who lived who lived in the same apartment complex.

In a 5-2 decision issued with no opinion, the court set an Oct. 17, 2019 execution date for James Frazier.

Justice Paul Pfeifer issued a dissent in the case. He was joined by Justice Terrance O'Donnell.

"At this time, the state is incapable of properly executing the 25 people for whom execution dates have previously been set. It serves no rational purpose for this court to continue to set execution dates while significant logistical obstacles remain in place and more legal challenges are likely," Justice Pfeifer wrote.

In October, the state pushed its earliest execution date back to 2017 due to difficulty in obtaining the drugs used for the lethal injection procedure. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 20, 2015)

The state currently has 11 executions scheduled for 2017, eight scheduled for 2018 and six scheduled for 2019.

Bipartisan legislation has been introduced in the House that would end capital punishment in Ohio. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 27, 2015)

Web Site Updated: Continuing the effort of Chief Justice O'Connor to create a more informed electorate when it comes to the judiciary, judicialvotescount.org has been updated to provide voters with information about the candidates that will be on the ballot this year, the court reported.

A total of 145 judicial seats will be on the ballot this year, including three Ohio Supreme Court seats, 27 court of appeals seats and 115 common pleas court seats.

The web site provides biographical information on candidates and explanations on why they are running for a particular office, according to the court.

Ran by the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, the web site was created in the wake of 2014 survey that found many Ohio voters do not vote in judicial elections due to a lack of knowledge about the candidates, the court reported.

According to the chief justice, on average, about 25% of voters who go to the polls do not cast ballots for judicial candidates. In Cuyahoga County in 2012, she said, about 40% of voters neglected to vote for judicial candidates. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 11, 2016)

Other partners in the non-profit web site include Chief Justice O'Connor, the League of Women Voters of Ohio, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio Newspaper Association and the Ohio Association of Broadcasters.

Visiting Judge: Tenth District Court of Appeals Judge Elizabeth Schuster will hear oral arguments Tuesday in a lawyer malpractice case.

Judge Schuster will fill in for Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, who recused herself in the case of *Ratonek v. Roetzel & Andress*.

At issue in the case is whether a Dayton law firm can be used for malpractice for failing to pursue claims that were not in the written agreement but were discussed between the law firm and the client and whether it can be sued for malpractice if it pursues a legal claim sought by the client, but withdraws it and advises the client to seek other counsel to pursue the claim or represent themselves, according to the court.

The case stems from a malpractice lawsuit a California woman filed against another law firm after she claimed it caused her to lose \$1 million in a real estate transaction. The Dayton law firm was originally hired to represent her in that case.

Capitol Scene: Chabria To Leave Gov's Office, Join ORP; Staff Changes Announced At Buckeye Institute, AICUO, HPIO

Jai Chabria, a key executive staff member for Gov. John Kasich, is leaving the governor's office to work for the Ohio Republican Party.

Mr. Chabria has served as senior advisor to Mr. Kasich since he took office in 2011. That job entailed vetting Mr. Kasich's appointments, among other things.

"I am enormously grateful to Jai for his many years of friendship, counsel and outstanding public service to me and the people of Ohio," Mr. Kasich said in a statement. "While it is difficult to see Jai move on, I know that great things lie ahead for him in this next phase of his career. I look forward to our continued deep friendship."

Mr. Chabria's last day with the governor's staff is Friday. The Powell resident's job at ORP was described by the party as "a senior position that will oversee the preparation and planning for the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July."

"The world spotlight will be on Cleveland in July as our party nominates the next President of the United States. It's a tremendous and exciting opportunity for Ohio," ORP Chairman Matt Borges said. "Jai is a seasoned professional with top notch experience. We are pleased to have him join our team as we plan and prepare for the convention."

AICUO: Andrew Lampkins has joined the staff of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio as director of external relations, the group announced recently.

He previously served dual roles with the Center for Healthy Families as the director of outreach and engagement and with Lardon & Associates as a director of business development.

Mr. Lampkins' prior experience includes serving as the community & small business manager for Vermont Energy Investment Corporation. The Otterbein University graduate

will be responsible for AICUO's affiliate member program, inter-college collaborations, events and educational programming, and the expansion of the group's member energy conservation and sustainability initiative.

Buckeye Institute: Daniel J. Dew has joined the staff of the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions as a full-time Criminal Justice Fellow, the group announced.

A published author on criminal justice issues and a former Visiting Legal Fellow at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., Mr. Dew will focus on efforts to revise Ohio's criminal code and updating the state's civil asset forfeiture law, among other things, according to the institute.

"Daniel is a national expert on criminal law, and we are pleased to bring him on to expand Buckeye's capacity to formulate sound criminal justice policy for Ohio that can be easily replicated in other states," institute President and CEO Robert Alt said in a release.

HPIO Hire: Former state employee Rebecca Sustersic has been hired as a policy analyst with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, the group announced recently.

Reem Aly and Amy Bush Stevens have been promoted to vice president and Sarah Bollig Dorn has been promoted to manager, Health Policy and Education, the group said.

Ms. Sustersic was previously employed at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for three years, first as a health care policy analyst and more recently as manager of medical reimbursement and coding policy, according to HPIO. She holds degrees from Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University. Ms. Sustersic also served as a Legislative Service Commission fellow in 2009.

Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated

Gongwer's Statehouse Job Market has been updated. The update is available on the Gongwer website.

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Supplemental Agency Calendar **Tuesday, February 23**

Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room 1960, Columbus, 10 a.m.
Thursday, February 25

Ethics Commission, Rm. G, 3rd Fl., 30 E. Spring St., Columbus, 12 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Tuesday, February 23

Quinnipiac University to release poll of Ohio likely voters on presidential primary
Ohio senators, faith leaders, others
news conference on ending "pregnancy discrimination", Press Conf. Rm., Statehouse,
Columbus, 11 a.m.

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Senate Activity for Monday, February 22, 2016

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures: Appoint Sen. Yuko and Carla Hicks

Capitol Square Review & Advisory Board: Appoint Sen. Peterson to replace former Sen. Widener

Sunset Review Committee: Appoint Sen. Coley to replace former Sen. Widener

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

SB 260 ■
(Enacted)

CAPITAL REAPPROPRIATIONS (Coley, B.) To make capital reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2018.
Signed: February 21, 2016

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, February 23

Legislative Committees

House Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 018, 9 a.m.

- HB 455** **BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE** (Patterson, J., Roegner, K.) To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 407** **BODY CAMERAS** (Boyce, K., Grossman, C.) To require law enforcement agencies that use body cameras to adopt written policies for operation of the cameras and to require agencies to make the adopted policies available to the public. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 361** **COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING** (Brenner, A.) To authorize boards of township trustees and boards of park commissioners to expend funds for the public purpose of presenting community events in their parks and at other recreational facilities. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 375** **SNOW REMOVAL** (Brown, T., Arndt, S.) To authorize townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property and to impose a fine for failure to do so. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 333** **BIDDING THRESHOLDS** (Schaffer, T., Hambley, S.) To increase the monetary thresholds above which competitive bidding is required for township road construction, repair, or maintenance contracts, and to increase the monetary thresholds above which a force account assessment is required for a township road construction, repair, or maintenance project. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 378** **TRAFFIC ARRESTS** (Hambley, S., Rezabek, J.) To authorize law enforcement officers of township police districts and joint police districts, and township constables, serving specified small populations to make arrests for motor vehicle-related violations committed on an interstate highway in the same manner as township law enforcement officers serving larger populations. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 413** **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Brinkman, T.) To add to the purposes for which a board of township trustees may go into executive session, to permit a township to charge for recycling services, to reduce the population threshold for a township to adopt a limited home rule form of government, to authorize a township to purchase, lease, or provide underwater rescue and recovery equipment for fire and rescue purposes, to authorize boards of township trustees to pay for group life insurance for any employee, to make other changes to the township laws, to allow taxing units to use the proceeds of a

fire, police, or emergency services tax levy to pay costs related to the service for which the tax is levied, and to expand the public infrastructure improvements townships, municipal corporations, and counties may pay for using money from their public improvement tax increment equivalent funds. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

HB 462

POLICE DISTRICT (Hagan, C., Sprague, R.) To establish a joint police district, to modify the membership of a joint police district governing body, to expand the offense of solicitation to also apply to a person who agrees with another to engage with the other person in sexual activity for hire, to provide that the "prescription exemption" from the drug possession offenses does not apply to a person who uses more of the drug than the maximum prescribed amount per day or the maximum amount to be used within the prescription timeline or who administers or takes the drug in a manner not prescribed by the prescribing health professional, and to provide immunity from civil liability to a peace officer who administers naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Peterson, B., 466-8156), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

HB 9

TAX EXPENDITURES (Boose, T.) To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 264

TAX HOLIDAY (Bacon, K.) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of back-to-school clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 233

REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (Schuring, K.) To authorize municipal corporations to create downtown redevelopment districts and innovation districts for the purposes of promoting the rehabilitation of historic buildings, creating jobs, encouraging economic development in commercial and mixed-use areas, and supporting grants and loans to technology-oriented and other businesses. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Transportation & Infrastructure (Committee Record) (Chr. Boose, T., 466-9628), Rm. 122, 9:30 a.m.

SB 182

ROAD NAMING (Balderson, T., Peterson, B.) To designate a portion of United States route twenty-three within Pickaway County as the "Army Specialist Gerald R. Jenkins Memorial Highway" and a portion of United States route sixty-two within Pickaway County as the "Army PFC Kevin C. Ott Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

HB 461

LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.) To establish the Cuyahoga Valley National Park license plate and to require a \$15 contribution for the issuance of the license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838), South Hearing Rm., 10:30 a.m.

HB 207 **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M., McColley, R.)** To allow a state fund employer to have a workers' compensation claim that is likely to be subrogated by a third party paid from the surplus fund account in the state insurance fund rather than charged to the employer's experience (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 273 **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Bacon, K.)** To enact the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 27 **FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Patton, T.)** To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.

Senate Public Utilities (Committee Record) (Chr. Seitz, B., 466-8068), North Hearing Rm., 11 a.m.

- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Andre Porter, chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 11:30 a.m. or after session

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11:30 a.m.

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. McClain, J., 644-6265), Rm. 121, 1:30 p.m. or after session

HB 334 **TAX EXEMPTION (Buchy, J.)** To exempt memberships to gyms or other recreational facilities operated by nonprofit organizations from sales and use taxation. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 297 **TAX CREDIT (Hill, B.)** To authorize a refundable income tax credit for current livestock owners who invest in a manure storage or treatment facility or acquire manure application equipment or manure handling and transportation equipment. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104), Rm. 114, 1:30 p.m.

HB 444 **ALCOHOL SAMPLES (Blessing, L.)** To allow certain D liquor permit holders to provide free tasting samples of beer, wine, and spirituous liquor to a person who is 21 years old or older and a paying customer of the permit holder. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 351 **LIQUOR LAWS (Perales, R., DeVitis, T.)** To increase the amount of spirituous liquor that an A-3a liquor permit holder may annually manufacture and to allow an A-3a permit holder to obtain an A-1-A liquor permit. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 278 **HUMANE SOCIETIES** (Hambley, S.) To require approval by the board of county commissioners, instead of the probate judge, of appointments of agents by county humane societies outside a municipal corporation, to specify that a county humane society is a political subdivision, to make its directors, agents, officers, and employees subject to the Ethics Law, and to increase the salaries paid to the agents. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), **Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.**

House Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 466-6711), **Rm. 121, 2 p.m. or after session**

- **SB3 and ODE presentation removed from the agenda**

HB 441 **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** (McColley, R.) To permit a student enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities at a school district that is not the student's resident district under certain circumstances and to prohibit a student who participates in the College Credit Plus program from being denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics solely due to participation in the program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 383 **FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Hagan, C., McColley, R.) To require one-half unit of economic and financial literacy in the high school social studies curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act." (2nd Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 401 **PRIVATE SCHOOLS** (Brinkman, T.) With regard to requirements for chartered nonpublic schools. (3rd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 410 **TRUANCY** (Rezabek, J., Hayes, B.) With regard to habitual and chronic truancy and compulsory school attendance. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), **North Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session**

SB 257 **REAL PROPERTY** (Seitz, B., Skindell, M.) To create a presumption of validity of recorded real property instruments, reduce the time period for curing certain defects related to those instruments, and provide constructive notice for those instruments. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 359 **ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY** (Duffey, M., Gonzales, A.) To create an address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 158 **DISABILITY TERMS** (Dever, J., Howse, S.) To change the variations of the term "mentally retarded" to "person with an intellectual disability." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 242** **DAY DESIGNATION** (Hagan, C., Dever, J.) To designate the fourth Sunday of July as Blue Star Mothers Day. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
House Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.
- HB 347** **CIVIL FORFEITURES** (McColley, R., Brinkman, T.) To eliminate civil asset forfeiture proceedings and to modify the law governing criminal asset forfeitures. (7th Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 215** **VEHICLE FORCIBLE ENTRY** (Hughes, J., LaRose, F.) To grant a person immunity from civil liability for any damage resulting from the forcible entry of a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing a minor or an animal from the vehicle because the minor or the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 446** **OVI OFFENSES** (Manning, N.) To specify that the prison term that may be imposed for a third degree felony operating a vehicle while intoxicated ("OVI") offense is a definite period of twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty, thirty-six, forty-two, forty-eight, fifty-four, or sixty months, to add "harmful intoxicant" to the definition of "drug of abuse" for the purposes of commercial driver's licensing law, to allow a person to assert the existing affirmative defense of driving in an emergency with regard to a prosecution for driving under a suspended driver's license under specified laws, and to specify that certain enhanced penalties for speeding violations apply regardless of whether the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to speeding. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
- HB 451** **PROTECTION ORDERS** (Boose, T.) To provide that an individual's statutory priority to decide whether or not to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment for the individual's relative is forfeited if the individual is the subject of a temporary protection order or civil protection order and the relative is the alleged victim or if the individual and the relative are married and the parties to a divorce, dissolution, legal separation, or annulment proceeding. (2nd Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
- HB 439** **VOYEURISM** (Anielski, M.) To include an impaired person as a victim of voyeurism and to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 432** **ESTATE LAW** (Rezabek, J.) To revise the law governing decedent's estates by making changes in the Ohio Trust Code, the Probate Law, the Uniform Principal and Income Act, the Transfers to Minors Act, and the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 436** **DUI SENTENCES** (Cupp, R., Rogers, J.) To authorize a judge that grants limited driving privileges to a second-time OVI offender to order the termination of the mandatory immobilization order. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 222** **TRANSIT WORKER ASSAULTS** (Driehaus, D., Perales, R.) To increase the penalty for assault when the victim is an employee of an Ohio transit

system whom the offender knows or has reasonable cause to know is such an employee engaged in the performance of the victim's duties; to permit the court to impose a fine of up to \$5000 and a six-month or lifetime prohibition from riding an Ohio transit system for assault committed in such specified circumstances; to authorize Ohio transit systems to post a warning sign indicating that abuse or assault of staff will not be tolerated and might result in a felony conviction; and to increase the penalty for evading payment of the known fares of a public transportation system. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 363 **JUVENILE HEARINGS (Reece, A.)** To require restraints to be removed from an alleged or adjudicated delinquent child prior to the commencement of a juvenile court hearing or proceeding unless the court determines that the use of restraints is necessary to prevent physical harm to the child or another person or to prevent the child from escaping. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 017, 3:30 p.m.

HB 173 **VETERAN IDENTIFICATION (Anielski, M., Terhar, L.)** To authorize county recorders to issue Ohio veterans identification cards. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

HB 295 **LICENSE PLATE (Ruhl, M.)** To create the "Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal" license plate. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 104 **LICENSE PLATE DISPLAY (DeVitis, T.)** To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a license plate on the front and rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense, to establish a maximum fine of \$25 for such an offense, and to amend the version of section 4503.21 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2017, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date. (3rd Hearing-Possible vote)

HB 388 **OVI OFFENSES (Scherer, G.)** To authorize a court to grant unlimited driving privileges with an ignition interlock device to first-time OVI offenders, to expand the penalties related to ignition interlock device violations, to modify the law governing the installation and monitoring of ignition interlock devices, to extend the look back period for OVI and OVI-related offenses from six to ten years, and to modify the penalties for OVI offenses. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Sunset Review Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104), South Hearing Rm., 3:30 p.m.

- Agency reports from Reclamation Commission, Reclamation Forfeiture Fund Advisory Board, Board of Cosmetology, Optical Dispensers Board, Child Care Advisory Council, Child Support Guideline Advisory Council, Children's Trust Fund Board, Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, State Victims Assistance Advisory Committee, Ohio Expositions Commission, Data Collection and Analysis Group, Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board, Help Me Grow Advisory Council, Hospital Measures Advisory Council, Infant Hearing Screening Subcommittee, Infection Control Group, Intergovernmental Council

and Advisory Panel of the Lupus Educational and Awareness Program, Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures, Maternity and Newborn Advisory Council, Medically Handicapped Children's Medical Advisory Council, Physician Loan Repayment Advisory Board, Radiation Advisory Council, The Director of Health's Advisory Group on Violent Deaths, The Director of Health's Committee on Concussions and Head Injuries Sustained by Athletes, Council to Advise on the Establishment and Implementation of the Birth Defects Information System and Ohio Medical Quality Foundation

Agency Calendar

Board of Landscape Architects, 77 S. High St., 31st Flr. Board Room, Columbus, 9 a.m.

Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, Foundation Office, 100 S. High St., Hillsboro, 9:30 a.m. (Agriculture Development Subcommittee)

Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room 1960, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, Foundation Office, 100 S. High St., Hillsboro, 11:30 a.m. (Educational Subcommittee)

Public Facilities Commission, 35th Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 4 p.m.

Event Planner

Nevada Republican caucuses

Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' (OFSWCD) 73rd annual conservation partnership conference, Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. 3rd St., Columbus
Quinnipiac University to release poll of Ohio likely voters on presidential primary
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber Legislative Breakfast Reception, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Ohio senators, faith leaders, others news conference on ending "pregnancy discrimination", Press Conf. Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 11 a.m.

Rep. John Bocchieri (D-Poland) fundraiser, The Chintz Room, 121 S. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000, \$500, \$250 to John Bocchieri for Ohio Committee)

Ohio Council of Retail Merchants annual legislative reception, The Lounge at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m.

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Tally Ho Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Event Host \$1,000, Event Sponsor \$500, Individual \$350 to Citizens for Lehner)

Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Copley) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, The Gold Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Event Host \$1,000, Event Sponsor \$500, Individual Attendee: \$350 to LaRose for Senate)

Rep. Stephen Slesnick (D-Canton) fundraiser, The Chintz Room, 121 S. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000, \$500, \$250 to Committee to Elect Stephen Slesnick)

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) and Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Parlor A/B, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Butler for Ohio and/or Seitz for Senate Committee)

Conservative Energy Day Reception, Statehouse Museum Gallery, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (RSVP to Mike Hartley at mike@swingstatestrategies.com)

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From: Miller, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:31 PM
To: Baker, Dan; Dittoe, Michael; Kasych, Shawn
CC: Best, Carolyn
Subject: FW: capital requests

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Hey guys,

Just received this email from Laura Bischoff. Thoughts?

Thanks,
Brad

From: Bischoff, Laura (CMG-Dayton) [mailto:Laura.Bischoff@coxinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:22 PM
To: Miller, Brad; John.Fortney@ohiosenate.gov
Subject: capital requests

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Thanks.
Laura

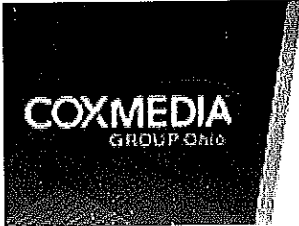
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From: Miller, Brad

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:39 AM

To: Lenzo, Mike; Baker, Dan; Dittoe, Michael; Lundregan, Scott; Webb, Benjamin; Sarko, Alyssa; Best, Carolyn

Subject: Laura Bischoff response draft for review

Attachments: PDAC 2015-16 State Cap Requests Project Info for Legislators.pdf; Speaker Rosenberger.pdf

Hi all – below is a response I've drafted for Laura Bischoff. Please advise. Also note that there are two documents attached. Should these come from me, legal, etc.? Thanks.

Also, I've copied and pasted the initial email she sent to me, for your reference.

Hi Laura,

I've worked with our legal staff regarding the public records portion of your email, and they will be in contact with you today.

Attached are documents put together by the Dayton Development Coalition, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, which outline some of the capital bill recommendations for the Dayton region.

As for the general schedule of the capital bill, we expect to have the bill dropped during the first week of April. Both chambers, beginning with the Senate, will have equal amount of time to consider the bill. Then we would expect to have the legislation to Governor Kasich by the end of April or early May.

Thank you,

Brad Miller

Deputy Communications Director / Press Secretary
Office of Speaker Clifford Rosenberger
Ohio House of Representatives
(614) 466-8759

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Priority Development & Advocacy Committee Project Submissions 2015-2016

This is a summary of information submitted by project sponsors. Information was provided by project sponsors.

Economic Development Review Panel Projects Projects listed alphabetically by title

Project Title: Cybersecurity Education Curriculum Pilot
Project Rank: 13
Short Description: Lunarline, in partnership with the Dayton Regional STEM School, seeks to develop and pilot a cybersecurity training program that will provide a scalable model for enhancing cybersecurity and computer science education in the Dayton-area. We propose to model our program and curriculum on Lunarline's proven non-profit training initiative, the Warrior to Cyber Warrior (W2CW) foundation, tailored to the unique needs of elementary, middle and high school students.
Requester: Lunarline, Inc.
1900 Founders Dr. STE 101
Kettering, Ohio 45420
Montgomery County
Intended Recipient: Dayton Regional STEM School, Kettering, Ohio (Montgomery County)
Type of Organization: Non-profit
Location of Project: Kettering, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)
Funding Requested: \$250,000
Total Project Cost: \$518,040
Funding Sources: Lunarline has invested over \$1.6 million in internal funds to develop cyber security training and stand up the Warrior to Cyber Warrior (W2CW) Foundation that serves as a model for this proposed effort. The funding we are requesting will enable Lunarline
Use of Funds: Equipment Purchases
Matching Funds? YesLunarline will commit \$150,000 in curriculum updates, training for the Dayton Regional STEM School staff, and documenting the program for continued utilization. The Dayton Regional STEM School is committed to providing \$100,000 in initial investments, to include the cost of instructors and computer equipment.
Budget Completed? No
Ready to Spend: Immediately
Potential Funding: We are not currently aware of any additional programs that this project will qualify.
Community Need:

We face a critical, nation-wide shortage in skilled cybersecurity professionals. The demand for information security professionals is expected to grow by 53% through 2018. According to the Peninsula Press (a project of the Stanford University Journalism Program) more than 209,000 cybersecurity jobs in the U.S. are currently unfilled, and postings are up 74% over the past five years, according to an analysis conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Current demand significantly outnumbers the available supply.

Our goal with this program is to develop a lasting, sustainable solution to the cyber workforce challenge while enhancing local educational opportunities for students K-12. Students who complete our proposed training will be either immediately employable as high school graduates, or will be well positioned for the challenges of advanced cybersecurity and / or computer science higher education.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

This initial pilot program will be measured by the number of students that complete the program, the number of the students in the program that successfully pass one or more of the certification exams before graduating, the employment rate of the students after graduation and the matriculation rate of students to advanced national cybersecurity and / or computer science programs. In addition, a measure of success will be the ease in which this curriculum can be packaged and provided to other K-12 schools.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
1 to 10	None	11 to 25	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Dayton Aviation Heritage Redevelopment Project/Wright Factory Unit

Project Rank: 3

Short Description: This is a multi-phase, multi-partner project to acquire and develop the former Delphi Home Avenue Plant. It involves the development of the Wright Factory site's Buildings 1, 2 and 17 as a part of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Park with the National Park Service and the restoration of Buildings 3-5 in partnership with the Wright B Flyer Inc. and other non-profits. It is also involves the commercial development of 34 acres of property adjacent to the historic structures.

Requester: Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc.
26 S. Williams St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: National Aviation Heritage Alliance, Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$1,900,000

Total Project Cost: \$4,000,000

Funding Sources: \$1 Million dollars-DPH Holdings
\$850,000 Home Avenue Redevelopment LLC
\$3 Million-Clean Ohio Reutilization Fund
\$250,000, State of Ohio Capital Bill
\$500,000 City of Dayton

Use of Funds: Land Acquisition
Matching Funds? Yes See above answer to question 33. In addition, the National Aviation Heritage Alliance is conducting a capital fundraising campaign involving industry and philanthropic donors. The Dayton Foundation has committed \$100,000 to the project with the possibility of an additional funding in 2016.
Budget Completed? Yes
Ready to Spend: Immediately
Potential Funding: State Capital funds; Federal-Heritage Partnership Funding associated with the National Heritage Area program

Community Need:

This project will preserve and restore one of the most historic aviation sites in the world, the Wright brothers' original airplane factory. This is the first aircraft manufacturing factory in the US and the world's oldest such structure still standing. Adaptive reuse of the space and surrounding site provides one of the most unique locations to host aviation and aerospace research and manufacturing activities. In addition, the development of the site will help transform the west side of Dayton, as well as enhance the central business district of Dayton, by bringing employers and jobs to the site.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

There are three measures of success for this project. First is the preservation and restoration of one of the most historic aviation heritage sites in the world. Failure acquire the site could lead to the demolition of the site or sale of the site to others for private use. Second measure of success is the increase in visitation to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. The third measure of success is the creation of businesses and jobs at the former Delphi plant.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
26 to 50	26 to 50	101 to 250	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery
Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No
Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Dayton International Airport Energy Systems Efficiency Upgrades
Project Rank: 15

Short Description: The project upgrades the Airport's terminal Mechanical Systems and develops a Micro-Grid Pilot Project. Many of the mechanical systems were installed in the 70's and 80's and have reached the end of their useful life. In addition, the micro-grid pilot enhances the Airport's resiliency and includes battery storage supplementing our power generation capabilities, allowing for the continued safe and secure operation of the airport in the event of a catastrophic power outage.

Requester: City of Dayton, Dayton International Airport
3600 Terminal Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45377
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)
Funding Requested: \$2,500,000
Total Project Cost: \$6,200,000
Funding Sources: \$1,315,000 in Passenger Facility Charge funding has been applied for. We anticipate receiving approval of the funding by mid-December, 2015.
Use of Funds: Construction or Capital
Matching Funds? Yes The Department of Aviation is securing Bonds and has set aside cash in reserves to cover the remaining portion of the project.
Budget Completed? Yes
Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months
Potential Funding: This project may qualify for rebates from the Dayton Power and Light Company's Energy Efficiency program. In addition, a portion of the project is eligible for funding through the FAA Passenger Facility Charge program.

Community Need:

This project will ensure that the airport will remain fully functional and secure into the future. The Airport is a fundamental economic engine for the Miami Valley Region and is an integral part of the transportation hub connecting the region to the rest of the country and world. This program will improve the Airport's energy efficiency, the morale of the 1,600 employees working at the airport and the satisfaction of the over 2.4 million passengers that travel through the terminal each year. It will also improve the indoor air quality, reduce the Airport's carbon footprint and save money.

According to the consultant engineers:

1. The \$6.2 Mil Energy Efficiency Upgrade Project will save \$ 343,315 annually (estimated) in energy savings.
2. The Energy Efficiency Mechanicals/Controls Upgrade Project will reduce CO2e emissions by 1,482 tons/year. (note: Hot water boilers excluded from this number, listed separately below)
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What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Energy saved, Reduced GHG Emissions, reduced maintenance costs, and improved customer satisfaction will be used to gauge the success of the project.

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Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
None	11 to 25	1 to 10	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created?

Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project?

We are not aware of any opposition to the project.

Do you have letters of endorsement?

No

Project Title: Ellis Human Development Institute Lower-Level Expansion

Project Rank: 9

Short Description: The goal of this project is to transform the unfinished basement of the Duke E. Ellis Human Development Institute into needed clinical space to support the Wright State University School of Professional Psychology (SOPP) and enable an expansion of its clinical teaching center. The School desires to provide even more mental health services to the City of Dayton and the surrounding region if modernization and necessary upgrades for the building's 8700 square foot basement can be financed.

Requester: Wright State University School of Professional Psychology
117 Health Sciences BLDG, 3640 Col. Glenn Hwy .
Dayton, Ohio 45435
Greene County

Intended Recipient: Ellis Human Development Institute of the Wright State University School of Professional , Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$640,000

Total Project Cost: \$890,000

Funding Sources: \$250,000 designated in current budget as foundation for funding.

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? No

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: No. Not at this time.

Community Need:

According to the National Alliance for Mental Illness Ohio, 2.3 million Ohioans suffer from a mental disorder in a given year. Nearly half do not receive the treatment they need for a variety of reasons, including inadequate insurance, stigma, and lack of qualified mental health professionals. With this in mind, consider that Wright State's School of Professional Psychology produces more doctoral graduates in professional psychology than all other Ohio schools combined. No other medical or social professionals can do the work of the uniquely-trained psychologists of the SOPP. Through improvement to the unfinished Ellis Institute lower level (basement), SOPP seeks to: 1) extend culturally relevant psychological services to all people, especially the underserved, whose needs are greater than the space and services currently offered at the Ellis Institute can accommodate and 2) provide an array of psychological services that seek to address the range of mental health issues confronting our citizens today.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

1. Patients served from Wright-Dunbar and beyond
2. New services offered
3. Increase in community agencies referring to the Ellis Institute
4. Students trained
5. Non-psychology students who come to train
6. New positions created
7. Graduates remaining in the area to work

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10
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	<i>two years</i>	<i>"spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>years</i>
11 to 25	26 to 50	101 to 250	\$50,001 to \$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Enabling Manufacturing Innovation & Renewal BAMB

Project Rank: Received after deadline; not ranked or reviewed

Short Description: UDRI proposes to establish a manufacturing innovation capability which leverages Ohio's three existing National Network for Manufacturing Innovation Centers in the areas of advanced materials and additive manufacturing. The key technology -- Broad Area Additive Manufacturing (BAAM), allows for the rapid fabrication of large production prototypes, tooling, or molds which are required for manufacture of automotive or aerospace components.

Requester: University of Dayton
300 College Park
Dayton, Ohio 45469
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$750,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,000,000

Funding Sources: 1) Capital equipment cost is \$1M, Cincinnati Inc. will cost share \$250k for the BAAM system
2) UDRI has an AFRL program that has allocated \$200k to this project in 2016 for air craft sustainment.
3) UDRI has a DOE program for automotive composites manufacturing that has allocated \$200k.
4) UDRI has a OFMJC center for Materials and Manufacturing that will direct \$200k for AFRL UAV program support
5) UDRI has several Ohio industry partners who will sponsor approximately \$200k in projects for 2016
6) \$200,000 in demonstration projects worked in collaboration with Cincinnati Inc.

Use of Funds: Equipment Purchases

Matching Funds? Yes

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: There are no other programs identified that would provide capital equipment funds required. Operating or program funds of \$1M have been identified for the first year of the program. The equipment capability is projected to yield approximately \$1M/year in R&D funds supporting Ohio industry.

Community Need:

The nation and Ohio have a strong focus on renewal of advanced manufacturing. Dayton has a core capability in manufacturing/machining supporting the aerospace and automotive sectors. The subject project

is structured to provide an innovative and unique manufacturing capability that supports Dayton's core strengths and has strong potential to create jobs locally and across Ohio.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Metric #1 Generate \$1M/year in R&D projects supporting 10 full-time staff

Metric #2 Foster innovation and enhanced competitiveness for target Dayton industries (Orbital -ATK purchases \$10M/year in large tooling for aerospace for example)

Metric #3 Establish a Dayton business to make associated tooling and end use structures commercially (CRG has interest)

Job Creation:

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11 to 25	None	51 to 100	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No.

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Facilities For The National VA Archives

Project Rank: 11

Short Description: SEC/VA is close to designating the Dayton VAMC as the site to house the Department of Veterans Affairs National Archives. Local and SEC/VA engineers have determined two Dayton VAMC facilities (Bld #129 referred to as the Clubhouse, and Bld #116 referred to as the Headquarters Building) are required to house archives of this size and scope, and have estimated it requires \$20M to rehab and equip these two buildings for such a purpose. This request is to secure these funds.

Requester: American Veterans Heritage Center
4100 W. Third St. (Putnam Library)
Dayton, Ohio 45428
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Dayton VAMC, Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$20,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$20,000,000

Funding Sources: None

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? No

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: VA Appropriations Bill

Community Need:

Locating the National VA Archives on the Dayton VAMC will add local jobs to West Dayton, and increase tourism by providing the western "anchor" to a Historic Tourism Corridor running from the Dayton VAMC to Huffman Prairie

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

1. Jobs created in West Dayton
2. Increased visitor/tourist attendance
3. Satisfaction of a SEC/VA requirement for improved archives management

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
501 to 1,000	None	251 to 500	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Gaming Research Integration Learning Lab (GRILL) Relocation

Project Rank: 6

Short Description: GRILL relocation to the DRSS enables collaboration with AFRL researchers, teachers and students across multi-year curriculum; enabling increased real-world learning opportunities, increased collaboration with teachers, and more STEM lesson content for schools throughout Ohio. The newly constructed space serves multiple purposes, including classroom space, teacher training space, collaborative space for modeling and simulation tools and STEM content development.

Requester: Wright State Applied Research Corporation
4035 Col. Glenn Hwy.
Dayton, Ohio 45431
Greene County

Intended Recipient: Dayton Regional STEM School, Kettering, Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Kettering, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$3,500,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,500,000

Funding Sources: The Dayton Regional STEM school has invested into the rehabilitation of there building to prepare for this capital build out. Additionally, AFRL has purchased computers and servers which will be co-located at the DRSS. A small planning funding increment

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes Operational funding for the capital investment is included in the Dayton Regional STEM School and AFRL budgets. This funding covers the cost of operating the summer and year long internship experience as well as class content creation for distribution across all Ohio schools.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: There are currently no funding sources for the capital monies.

Community Need:

This project addresses the need to improve the pipeline of STEM students entering Ohio Colleges from Ohio High Schools. Additionally, it addresses specific workforce development needs to ensure mission requirements are met for AFRL by creating students with experiential learning in modeling and simulation.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Number of Students participating in the program

Number of Ohio Schools participating in the program

Number of AFRL collaborations with Ohio High Schools and Colleges in Modeling and Simulation

Number of students who enter Ohio based colleges/universities who participate in the program

Number of students who obtain employment (internships or full-time jobs in Ohio)

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
26 to 50	1 to 10	More than 1,000	\$75,001-\$100,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Greene, Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Greene County REACH Center - Clark State

Project Rank: 10

Short Description: The project will include the construction of a Recreation, Education, Activity, Community and Health (REACH) Center, which will house different services provided by each of the partners. Clark State proposes to use 13,500 sq ft of the facility for classrooms, laboratory, and office space in order to offer degree and certificate programs and workforce training on location. Clark State will share space with Central State University in order to offer 2 + 2 pathways for students.

Requester: Clark State Community College
570 E. Leffel Ln.
Springfield, Ohio 45505
Clark County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Xenia, Greene County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$4,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$4,000,000

Funding Sources: There are several partners for the REACH Center project, including the YMCA of Greater Dayton, Kettering Health Network, Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center, City of Xenia, and Central State University, many of which are funding separate parts of C

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? No

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: Clark State and REACH partners are pursuing the New Market Tax Credit Program through City Wide Development for this project.

Community Need:

Xenia, Jamestown, and Fairborn have the lowest high school graduation rates and higher education attainment rates in Greene County. In relation to these low education rates, the percentage of persons below the poverty level in Xenia is nearly 25%, well above the State of Ohio rate of 15.8%. One of the factors contributing to low education attainment rates in Xenia and its surrounding communities is a lack of higher education options in the city. In order for Xenia residents to attend college classes, students must travel to Beavercreek or Springfield. Public transportation is limited to different cities within the county, making this commute impossible for many would-be students.

In addition, Greene County is in need of more qualified healthcare workers. Currently, OhioMeansJobs reports 214 open positions for State-tested Nurse Aids (STNAs) and 2255 open positions for Medical Assistants within 20 miles of Xenia. Because of a lack of educational resources in the Xenia area, individuals with an interest in the healthcare field are unable to fill these high demand medical positions.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The success of the project will be measured by the number of students who enroll at the REACH Center, and the number of students who are retained, graduate, or transfer to a 4 year institution.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
11 to 25	51 to 100	101 to 250	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Greene

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Integrated Unmanned Aerial System Research Test Bed

Project Rank: 12

Short Description: This project addresses the critical issue of toxic algal blooms affecting freshwater supplies. The Sinclair College National UAS Training and Certification Center and Cubic Global Defense have partnered to address this issue through an integration of Sinclair Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) data collection flights and Cubic Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) expertise and technology to further develop research capabilities and a foundation for future broad implementation of developed solutions.

Requester: Sinclair Community College
444 W. Third St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$1,500,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,000,000

Funding Sources: The proposed project is supported through a prior PDAC supported capital investment of \$350,000 issued to Wright State University, on which Sinclair was a partner. This funding supported the acquisition of networked modeling and simulation capability in t

Use of Funds: Land Acquisition

Matching Funds? YesCapital developed through this project can be integrated into existing research work currently planned to begin in the summer of 2016. During that planned research, Sinclair will provide UAS flights carrying a NASA Glenn Research Center developed hyper-spectral sensor over Lake Erie to initially assess the benefits and areas for additional exploration of UAS to monitor toxic algal blooms across the lake. The initial operational funding committed to support these research flights is \$27,500. It is estimated that personnel and operational expenses supporting further integration, testing, and research will total approximately \$500,000 beyond the capital investment requested in this proposal.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: The research supported through the acquisition and integration of capital items would directly support potential funded programs from organizations include the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Natural Resources, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and others. For example, funded opportunities from the EPA could include: Invasive Species Prevision; Invasive Species Control; Urban Watershed Management Implementation; Agricultural Watershed Management Implementation; Maumee River Watershed Nutrient Prevention Project.

Community Need:

This partnership will explore novel research addressing the toxic algal bloom issue affecting the Ohio surface fresh water supplies at significantly reduced operational costs by leveraging the capabilities of both Sinclair College's UAS data collection flights and Cubic Global Defense's LVC based technology.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

In addition to the direct and indirect creation of jobs resulting from a funded project, the capital acquired will directly support integration and research related to the negative impact of harmful algal blooms in Ohio's surface fresh water supplies. The project has the potential of directly positively affecting the health of the water supply for millions in Ohio and throughout the Midwest by advancing methods and technologies to cost effectively monitor agricultural runoff sources and consequences.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
1 to 10	1 to 10	26 to 50	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Greene, Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Midtown Redevelopment Project

Project Rank: 8

Short Description: The Project will make available the existing 38-acre Montgomery County Fairgrounds site located in the City of Dayton for re-development into an Urban Mixed-Use Development. This redevelopment is a catalytic project that will revitalize a blighted site and encourage economic development in the Dayton Midtown Area near the University of Dayton and Miami Valley Hospital creating over 1,000 jobs. The infill redevelopment is supported and in conformance with the City's long term strategic plan.

Requester: City of Dayton and Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority
 101 W. Third St.
 Dayton, Ohio 45402
 Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority, Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$2,500,000

Total Project Cost: \$112,000,000

Funding Sources: \$2,500,000 2015 State Operating Budget Allocation
 \$14,000,000 City of Dayton Tax Increment Financing
 \$200,000 City of Brookville Infrastructure Grant
 \$250,000 2014 State Capital Budget Allocation
 \$1,200,000 Montgomery County Roundhouse Relocation Gra

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes. See answer to question 33 above.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: Public Infrastructure, Community Development, JobsOhio Revitalization/Demolition Grant, New Market Tax Credits, ODOT/629 Public Roadway Funds

Community Need:

The redevelopment of the existing Fairgrounds is a catalytic urban project that will revitalize an area immediate south of the City of Dayton Central Business District near the University of Dayton and Miami Valley Hospital. The infill development will include 400,000 sf of office, business, retail, entertainment, hospitality space and 600 house/residential units. The development is expected to generate over 1,000 jobs, including \$1,000,000 in Income Tax to the City, \$210,000 in Sales Tax to the County and \$1,050,000 in Sales Tax to the State, as well as over \$300,000 in new Property Tax to the Schools. We expect that the project will generate additional job growth and retention on adjacent business sites similar to the new Emerson Climate Technologies' global innovation Helix center and GE Aviation EPIS Center and Miami Valley Hospital.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The creation of a mixed-use, urban, walkable redevelopment of one of the largest underutilized sites within Downtown Dayton and job creation/retention in the City of Dayton.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
251 to 500	None	More than 1,000	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Neil Armstrong Airport Modernization and Safety Project

Project Rank: 5

Short Description: The project will modernize and improve safety at the Neil Armstrong Airport with the construction of a new terminal and safety equipment storage building at the airport in New Knoxville, Auglaize County, OH. The airport's role as a gateway to industry in the region has been increasing steadily as the airport has become a hub for businesses such as Honda, Crown, Minster Machine, Setex, Dannon and Parker Hannifin.

Requester: Auglaize County Board of County Commissioners
209 S. Blackhoof St., RM 201
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895
Auglaize County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: New Knoxville, OH , Auglaize County (Ohio 4th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$750,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,035,990

Funding Sources: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Airport Improvement Program (AIP), Non-Primary Airport Entitlement (NPE) program funds; Federal Fiscal Year 2015: \$180,000 (project design only), Federal Fiscal Year 2016: approximately \$150,000 (first phase of const

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? YesThe Auglaize County Board of Commissioners have ear-marked a separate line item for airport projects under the County's permanent improvement fund. In calendar year 2015 the County ear marked \$200,000.00 for this project and are expected to ear mark additional funds in calendar year 2016.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Airport Improvement Program Grant. ODOT - Ohio Airport Grant Program. CDBG - Allocation dollars for handicap items

Community Need:

The Neil Armstrong Airport's use has expanded greatly into the business sector over the last forty-five years. The airport has been a key to job creation in the area and has become critical to national infrastructure as its role as a just-in-time hub for the automotive industry in the region. The role of the airport is vital to keeping plants running, businesses open and industry expanding when other transportation methods fall short. This project will provide all of the necessary modern and efficient amenities seen at a public-use general aviation terminal building which will aid in continued economic growth while at the same time remaining functional and practical for other public uses.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Along with sustained and increased corporate traffic, success will be the continued and expanded use by Honda, Crown, Minster Machine, Setex, Dannon and Parker Hannifin. Additionally, the Neil Armstrong Airport is used by entertainers annually as they travel in for large tourist events such as Country Concert and El Dora Speedway.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
1 to 10	26 to 50	101 to 250	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Auglaize, Mercer, Shelby

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No.

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: New Carlisle Civic Center (NCCIA)

Project Rank: 14

Short Description: The New Carlisle Civic Center will help reverse the community deterioration experienced over the last several decades by providing a wide variety of community activities and services in New Carlisle and surrounding communities. These include after school latch key, pre-school, food pantry, weekly meals, class rooms, auditorium, meeting and office spaces for service/health organizations, outdoor sports, performance arts, immigration services, adult education and other appropriate activities.

Requester: New Carlisle Civic Improvement Association, Inc (NCCIA)
220 S. Main St.
New Carlisle, Ohio 45344
Clark County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: New Carlisle, Clark County (Ohio 8th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$2,500,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,500,000

Funding Sources: Submitted -- The Springfield Foundation, grant request award December 2015, \$13,300. This grant will be used to design and cost the construction of the New Carlisle Civic Center. The results will be used to advertise the Civic Center, encourage community in

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? No

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: The success of this project will be determined by the overall Civic Center usage once completed. Based on strong interest displayed by many diverse groups in the community, we can reasonably expect to use this facility seven days a week and for special events on some holidays. Such usage would clearly indicate success. Estimates of individuals and families provided services located in the Civic Center offices or using the facility will be tracked as well as community event participation.

Community Need:

The focus of this project is to help prevent community deterioration in New Carlisle. The city does not presently have a comprehensive facility for various community activities and services. The Association is planning to build a civic center to meet that need. Among the various population groups that would benefit significantly from the proposed center are: senior citizens, at risk youth, those at or below the poverty level, immigrant farm laborers -- and of course the general population as well. In addition, this project will undoubtedly be a major economic boost not only to New Carlisle but to the surrounding communities as well.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The success of this project will be determined by the overall Civic Center usage once completed. Based on strong interest displayed by many diverse groups in the community, we can reasonably expect to use this

facility seven days a week and for special events on some holidays. Such usage would clearly indicate success.

Estimates of individuals and families provided services located in the Civic Center offices, or using the facility, will be tracked as well as community event participation.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
1 to 10	26 to 50	11 to 25	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Clark

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No. The NCCIA has been received very positively by the previous New Carlisle Ohio City Manager and city council members as well as all whom we have discussed the plan.

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: One-Stop Facility for Integrated Behavioral Health

Project Rank: 7

Short Description: The Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services plans to build a new facility that will serve as a single point of entry for: mental health, alcohol and drug addictions and recovery services; housing services, re-entry services, drug screening; dental services, vocational services, veterans services; public health, birth and death records, well child services; family support services, case management and care coordination; peer support groups, resources and more.

Requester: Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services
1100 Wayne St. STE 4000
Troy, Ohio 45373
Miami County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Concord Township, Miami County (Ohio 8th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$1,200,000

Total Project Cost: \$5,200,000

Funding Sources: \$2,000,000 Tri-County Board reserves committed to capital project (funds on hand)
\$2,000,000 (est) private donations to be raised in capital campaign (currently working with a consultant to build capacity, with campaign to be conducted in 2016; estimates

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital
Matching Funds? Yes The Tri-County Board has committed \$2,000,000 in reserve funds to capital building project; note that this figure is not a maximum but a projected contribution of Board reserves on hand.

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: A year from now or later

Potential Funding: We have not identified any other state or federal programs or private grants. Among the sources we have explored are:

USDA Community Facilities Program (determined to be not eligible since Tri-County Board will not occupy the majority of the building)

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS has determined its capital priority is recovery homes and housing for persons with mental illness)

SAMSA (typically funds research and services, not capital projects)

Tax Credits (housing focus)

Community Need:

Clinical and wrap-around services for addictions and mental illness are scattered across numerous sites within Miami County, forcing families to negotiate a maze of transportation and scheduling difficulties. The more difficult the access to services, the less likely persons in treatment will be compliant, leading to high rates of no-shows and dropouts. Traveling to multiple locations causes excess time away from work and school, often for those who can least afford it. A one-stop facility in Miami County will offer a single point of entry for mental health and addictions, crisis, housing, vocational, consumer support, prevention and wellness, medical and even dental services under one roof. The overall goal of this plan is to streamline and create efficiency for access by individuals and families, and for those who refer. The goal is better outcomes for those in treatment, and more timely and accurate information across services.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

At the most basic level, the project will be a success when it is completed and fully occupied by allied behavioral health, physical health and supportive services agencies. We are attempting to identify a metric, perhaps one as simple as a customer satisfaction survey of those currently using services, begun prior to the project and repeated at six-month intervals, to measure a predicted increase in satisfaction and decrease in number of trips for clients and reduction in no-shows for agencies.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
51 to 100	101 to 250	101 to 250	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Miami

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? We are not aware of any opposition to the project.

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Sinclair CC Blair Hall Performing Arts Center Basic Renovation

Project Rank: 16

Short Description: This renovation will update electrical, seating, flooring and lighting in Blair Hall in order to maintain a professional and respectable space for performing arts.

Requester: Sinclair Community College
444 W. Third St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$790,000

Total Project Cost: \$790,000

Funding Sources: \$473,000 has previously been spent for the following:
 \$100,000- Sound System
 \$297,000- Air Handler Replacement System
 \$42,000- Theater Rigging and Fire Drape
 \$16,000- Replacement Lights
 \$18,000- Electrical Receptacles

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes We have \$70,000 in funds to provide the following:
 \$40,000- A&E Seating and Flooring \$30,000- A&E Doors and Restrooms

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: N/A

Community Need:

Blair Hall serves as the location for informational and training sessions for Theater Technology, Tech Prep, Business Tech Prep, Stivers 7th Grade Field Trip, Think College, Victoria Theater Outreach, MUSE Machine and Sinclair Theater Collaborations for Dayton area high school students. It is also used by the Music Department's Youth Wind Ensemble, comprised entirely of high school students who audition to perform with the Ensemble during winter and spring semesters. It continues to serve as the primary location for other community partnerships and collaborations, such as the Dayton Arts Project, City Folks Culture Builds Community, Victoria Theater Association, The Big Read, Black Man's Think Tank Conference, Holocaust Remembrance Committee and others.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Continuous community support and collaborations as the venue of choice for these and other regional cultural activities.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
None	1 to 10	1 to 10	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Springfield Downtown Parking Facility

Project Rank: 4

Short Description: Springfield's proposed downtown parking facility is comprised of four levels, 485 parking stalls, and three 5,000 square foot ground level spaces for retail and commercial use. The site has exceptional accessibility to current transit routes, great proximity to downtown, access to college campuses, and good linkage to other proposed development. The facility will support established and planned developments.

Requester: City of Springfield
 76 E. High St.
 Springfield, Ohio 45502
 Clark County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester
Type of Organization: Government
Location of Project: Springfield, Clark County (Ohio 8th Congressional District)
Funding Requested: \$2,500,000
Total Project Cost: \$9,750,000
Funding Sources: The City of Springfield acquired the property for the proposed site and is in the preliminary design phase. Due to the planning completed thus far, the City is able to control the speed in which the project progresses. If awarded, the project could begin.
Use of Funds: Construction or Capital
Matching Funds? Yes The City has committed \$2,500,000 million toward the project.
Budget Completed? Yes
Ready to Spend: Within the next 6–12 months
Potential Funding: No
Community Need:

In order for economic development projects to move forward and sustain growth, appropriate infrastructure is critical. Growth in central Springfield is contingent upon developing downtown business projects that will attract new office and retail establishments to the city's urban core. A testament to the community's endeavor to revitalize the downtown is the newly constructed Clark State Creative Arts and Conference Center, NTPRD/Chiller Ice Arena, and the National Road Commons Park.

The proposed multi-level parking facility provides companies considering investing in downtown Springfield with the parking necessary to support the construction of new buildings and the renovation of existing structures. The recent addition of several new employers, including CodeBlue, Ohio Valley Medical Center, and Clark Schaefer Hackett accounting firm, has caused the need for parking to reach a critical stage. It is imperative that adequate parking facilities be constructed to support continued job creation, the community's current needs, and downtown revitalization efforts.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The Springfield Downtown Parking Facility will directly support new job growth and construction jobs through the duration of construction activities, which is estimated at twelve months. The facility will support both established and planned developments, such as Clark State's Creative Arts and Conference Center and Performing Arts Center, Overlook Commons development parcels, Bushnell Building, Ohio Valley Medical Center, PNC Bank Building, and the emerging retail section along Fountain Avenue. The continued redevelopment of the downtown business district results in the creation of an additional 400 jobs with an estimated payroll of \$15,500,000. Therefore, ultimate success of the project will be measured in new job growth, job retention, and overall utilization of the parking facility.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
101 to 250	101 to 250	251 to 500	\$25,001–\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Clark

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Tech Town Technology Transfer and Commercialization

Project Rank: 2

Short Description: TechTown is home to 3 commercialization economic engines: the Institute for the Commercialization of Advanced Sensor Tech (IDCAST), Ascend Innovation, and the Entrepreneurs Center. Each of these engines are charged with tech transfer and commercialization geared toward job creation. This initiative will provide the funding necessary to create affordable landing space for spin off enterprises and to attract other commercialization support entities who want to become part of the ecosystem.

Requester: CityWide Development Corporation
8 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$600,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,100,000

Funding Sources: The project received a \$250,000 State Capital Grant allocation through a JUA with OSU. That funding has already been fully allocated to build-out and house a new commercialization entity -- Ascend Innovation. The TPC cost for Tenant Build-out exceeded \$6

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes. \$500,000 from the City of Dayton

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6-12 months

Potential Funding: State Capital Grant

Community Need:

Jobs! The project will support regional efforts to leverage technology innovation by creating and supporting an eco-system based on incubation, tech transfer, and commercialization that will replace recent job losses associated with NCR, GM/Delphi, Mead Westvaco etc. The purpose of the project is to create new technology based enterprises, industries and jobs. Ultimately, the effort will create significant net new wealth for the region as the newly business ventures export their products and services to customers outside the region. The jobs created will be high paying STEM related positions.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Jobs created and new business start-ups

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
251 to 500	251 to 500	More than 1,000	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Note: The Clinton County Port Authority submitted three projects for Wilmington Air Park Improvements. The Economic Development Review Panel recommended that the projects be combined into one project, ranked it as the #1 project, and recommended funding at the full requested amount of the sum of all three projects. The next three projects are descriptions for each of these three projects which were combined as one.

Project Title: Wilmington Air Park Utility Infrastructure Improvements

Project Rank: 1

Short Description: Competition for development projects is fierce. While the Wilmington Air Park has developable land, it is not currently not fully served by public infrastructure such as water, sewer, roadways, etc. Investing in this infrastructure allows the Clinton County area to rank more competitively with site selectors and individual businesses when considering new locations. The 250-acre site adjacent to the active airport could provide a much-needed boost to the local economy in jobs and tax revenue.

Requester: Clinton County Port Authority
1113 Airport Rd.
Wilmington, Ohio 45177
Clinton County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Wilmington, Clinton County (Ohio 15th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$2,500,000

Total Project Cost: \$2,750,000

Funding Sources: This project has not previously received funding. If funded, the Port Authority will commit to a ten percent match (\$250,000).

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes. The Clinton County Port Authority owns and operates the Wilmington Air Park. Its annual budget shows a general fund budget appropriation of \$7.9 million. Of that amount, a reserve and capital improvement fund is in excess of \$1 million. It is capable of supplying the \$250,000 match for this project.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: The Port Authority is not aware of any specific program that would support this ahead of a project on the table.

Community Need:

The primary benefit to the community will be the availability of 250 acres of shovel-ready land situated on a major commercial airport allowing for the immediate creation of new jobs. When DHL announced in 2009 that it was ceasing US package delivery business in the US, that action ultimately caused the loss of almost 8,000 jobs in the community and the region. The community is beginning to recover. This investment will help (along with the site certification that is being pursued) to get this property in the top lists for development sites in the area.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Success will evident by the number of direct, new jobs created and the amount of private capital investment in buildings and equipment.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
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101 to 250	None	501 to 1,000	\$50,001-\$75,000
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In which county will most of the jobs be created? Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Warren

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Wilmington Air Park Airport Infrastructure and Vehicle Enhancement

Project Rank: 1

Short Description: The runways and taxiways at the Wilmington Air Park support a growing cargo operation, a robust commercial jet maintenance operation, and provide a unique opportunity for transportation/logistics companies. To keep operations safe, regular and strategic investments need made in the airport infrastructure. Also, support equipment needs updated and replaced to maintain response times and to provide timely all-weather services. This project supports the budding recovery at the Wilmington Air Park.

Requester: Clinton County Port Authority
1113 Airport Rd.
Wilmington, Ohio 45177
Clinton County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Wilmington, Clinton County (Ohio 15th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$1,440,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,600,000

Funding Sources: The State of Ohio Aviation annual grant program has funded infrastructure-related projects similar to this, but has not provided funding for this project at this time. The infrastructure repairs cannot be put off indefinitely if the airport is to remain

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes The Clinton County Port Authority will match ten percent of the total project cost (\$130,000).

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: Yes. IF, the airport was eligible under the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), it could be eligible for partial funding for the airport requirement. The State Aviation grant program has been used in the past to support the infrastructure repairs. These projects were deemed in the standby priority for the FY2016. The airport is not able to ignore the work that needs done indefinitely if it hopes to retain the 1,300 jobs currently at the Wilmington Air Park, or if it wants to pursue economic development options for the developable space at the airport.

Community Need:

The Community has a unique economic development asset. It has been a significant regional economic engine for decades - and can be again. However, it needs maintained. Airport infrastructure at large commercial airports - similar to this one - is usually supported by federal and state grants. This airport has been unable to secure grants at a level necessary to address the needs of the infrastructure and equipment. In the last ten years, the employment at the Wilmington Air Park has fluctuated from nearly 10,000 to 700 and is now back to nearly 1,300. This job count can continue to grow only if the asset is well-maintained. Investment in the airport infrastructure and equipment is vital to the community and the region

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Retention of jobs and some growth of jobs will be a measure of success for this grant project.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
251 to 500	More than 1,000	More than 1,000	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Warren

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No.

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Wilmington Air Park Aviation Improvements recommended by FAA/ODOT

State Capital Request? Yes

Short Description: Wilmington is a large commercial airport with 1300 jobs and daily flights. Yet the air park is not eligible for federal funds (1 of 6 airports in the state) and does not receive regular funding from the state. The State's recent Airport Focus Study highlighted these safety improvements. While the Port Authority has invested to enhance the situation of the Air Park, without funding from the Federal government and no local support for the airport infrastructure, this grant funding becomes vital.

Requester: Clinton County Port Authority, 1113 Airport Rd. Wilmington, Ohio 45177
Clinton County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Wilmington, Clinton County (Ohio 15th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$1,039,500

Total Project Cost: \$1,155,000

Funding Sources: The Clinton County Port Authority will supply a match of \$115,000 (ten percent) toward this work if this grant is received. The work proposed in this project has not previously received funding and we do not expect any other support for this work.

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes. The Clinton County Port Authority will commit to a 10% match for this grant.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: The status of the airport outside the NPIAS but as a large commercial airport supporting 1,300 jobs (and growing) as well as daily flights, puts it in a unique position to not be receiving funding from the Federal Government or regular funding from the State Aviation funds. A thorough study conducted by the State of Ohio brought to light these safety improvements for the airport. Pursuing these improvements at the suggestion of the State, and understanding that the FAA would also support these is an important reason to pursue them.

Community Need:

Air traffic at the Wilmington Air Park continues to grow despite the almost 8,000 jobs lost in the community in 2009. This project will assist with retaining several hundred existing jobs, directly related to the aviation

industry at the air park. Those jobs depend on the continued health of the aviation assets at the Wilmington Air Park.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Success can be determined by tangible, capital improvements which this grant will help to fund -- and those are important. However, for us -- for our community and this region -- success will be found in the jobs retained at the Wilmington Air Park and additional jobs that are able to be drawn in because there is a well-maintained aviation asset.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
251 to 500	More than 1,000	More than 1,000	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Clinton, Fayette, Greene, Warren

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No.

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Quality of Life Review Panel Projects **Projects listed alphabetically by title**

Project Title: Boonshoft Museum of Discovery STEM Education Wing

Project Rank: 3

Short Description: To meet its STEM education goals, the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery is planning a 30,000 sq. ft. Education Wing addition to its existing building. This new wing will expand laboratory and robotics classroom space; create flexible multi-purpose spaces to accommodate afterschool programs, LEGO and robotic competitions, overnight programming, etc.; accommodate growth for the Discovery Camp summer-slide programs; and accommodate growth in the CCIDS Preschool to expand it to include more students.

Requester: Dayton Society of Natural History
2600 DeWeese Pkwy.
Dayton, Ohio 45414
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$2,800,000

Total Project Cost: \$8,000,000

Funding Sources: No additional public funding is currently secured.

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes

Jesse & Caryl Philips Foundation	\$1,000,000 (pledged, \$200,000 received)
The Berry Family Foundation	\$250,000 (pledged)
The Scheiwetz Foundation	\$100,000 (received)
Dayton Society of Natural History Board	\$61,850 (pledged)
Levin Porter Architects	\$2,000 (pledged)
TOTAL:	\$1,413,850

Requests for additional funding submitted and/or to be submitted to: Henny Penny Corporation; DP & L; Crown Equipment; Dayton Foundation; Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation; Kettering Fund; Vectren; Mathile Family Foundation

Potential Funding: Citywide Development - New Markets Tax Credits funding

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6–12 months

Potential Funding: This project is being included in Citywide Development's 2016 application for New Markets Tax Credits

Community Need:

The STEM Education Wing will provide critical learning opportunities for students from all over the Miami Valley region and beyond. This project will provide hands-on experiences to more than 200,000 students in archaeology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, engineering, geology, paleontology, physics, robotics and nearly any other subject found in the world of science. The project seeks to expose students as early as possible to STEM disciplines to help meet regional workforce demands for STEM industries. The expanded preschool will help the community meet the Kindergarten Readiness Initiative. The expanded space will allow for more than 1,500 campers attending summer camp to have expanded learning opportunities, added classrooms for FIRST Lego League Robotics expansion as well as support after school and weekend STEM programs.

In addition, the Museum anchors the DeWeese-Ridgecrest neighborhood, providing free lunches to all during the summer months through the Children's Hunger Alliance. The Museum focuses on health issues for area residents featuring an exhibit sponsored by the Junior League of Dayton regarding nutrition information for families, and provides nutrition and exercise "healthy lifestyle" programs for children designed to stave off childhood diabetes, vision screening and eye health and safety programs, tobacco use cessation programs, and sun safety programs. For low income families, the Museum offers CCIDS (formerly Title 20) preschool opportunities in one of only two preschools in Montgomery County expected to review the 5 Star Rating from the state's Step Up to Quality program.

The Museum is a catalyst for educational and recreational use and development along the river corridor that consists of Wegerzyn MetroPark at the north end and includes Triangle Park, Island Metro Park, and Riverscape. External events on the river corridor organized by the Museum include the Dayton Regional Science Festival and Voyage on the Parkway, an important community event designed to alert parents to the steps necessary to prepare their children for kindergarten readiness, organized in conjunction with Five Rivers MetroParks and Ready Set Soar. In addition to working with Ready Set Soar on kindergarten readiness, the Museum is actively involved in major community workforce development initiatives of Learn to Earn Dayton, particularly in regard to assuring that area children are reading at the grade level by the end of third grade. On average, BMD welcomes over 200,000 visitors each year on-site and serves an additional 25,000–45,000 students by outreach programs annually.

This expansion will not only provide significant educational opportunities in the STEM Education Center, but will also expose the additional visitors who will be drawn to the Museum to their healthy lifestyle programs, neighborhood free lunch program and other community programs.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

It is projected an additional 25,000 students can be served annually upon completion of this expansion. Clear measurements can be taken by tracking additional FIRST Lego League Robotics programs, additional preschool students, additional students participating in after school and weekend STEM programs as well as additional events booked for the multi-purpose space.

General visitor attendance will also be used to measure success.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
1 to 10	51 to 100	None	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? We are not aware of any opposition to this project.
We have received overwhelming support across the board.

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Clark State Performing Arts Center Updates

Project Rank: 6

Short Description: At 22 years-old, the Clark State Performing Arts Center is in need of critical updates in order to serve the many patrons that frequent the Center every year, including a new roof, seating and carpet replacements, and an upgraded HVAC system. In addition, the Center's security system is in need of important updates and a covered walkway between the two buildings will provide additional safety for guests while also attracting larger conferences and events to Downtown Springfield.

Requester: Clark State Community College
570 E. Leffel Ln.
Springfield, Ohio 45505
Clark County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Springfield, Clark County (Ohio 8th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$2,200,000

Total Project Cost: \$,700,000

Funding Sources: A total of \$500,000 is committed to the project:
Source: 2014 Capital Arts and Culture Funding
Amount: \$275,000
Status: Confirmed
Source: Performing Arts Center Endowment
Amount: \$225,000
Status: Confirmed

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? YesClark State Community College has committed \$225,000 from the Performing Arts Center Endowment for the project.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: The Performing Arts Center receives funding for programming from local and state sources, including the Springfield Foundation, Turner Foundation, and Ohio Arts Council. However, many of these organizations restrict the use of funds to programming.

Community Need:

The Clark State Community College Performing Arts Center is a twenty-two year-old facility that is in need of critical updates to its interior and exterior. First and foremost, a roof replacement to the Performing Arts Center must be completed to protect the overall infrastructure of the facility. The existing roof is leaking, and

with each storm, additional leaks are discovered. These leaks not only endanger the safety of patrons, but also threaten to damage expensive audio and visual equipment. In addition to the roof leaks, the Center's carpet and seating have worn significantly with age. The Center's HVAC system is outdated and inefficient, creating an uncomfortable environment for patrons and increasing the Center's energy costs. Finally, the security camera system at the performing arts center and the neighboring conference center are limited, and do not cover critical points of entry, causing a lack in safety for staff and guests.

Additionally, the path between the Performing Arts Center and the Hollenbeck-Bayley Creative Arts and Conference Center can be hazardous for guests, especially during inclement weather. During the initial planning phases for the conference center, a covered walkway was envisioned to connect the new building to its neighbor, the Performing Arts Center. In addition to safety concerns, professionals in conference services advised that in order to attract large conferences, all pathways between joint venues should be enclosed, providing for a seamless transition between scheduled events. However, due to budget constraints, the construction of the walkway was postponed.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Number of tickets sold; number of events held; number of events utilizing both venues; participation in numerous arts outreach programs.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
None	11 to 25	11 to 25	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Clark

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Dayton Art Institute's Centennial - preservation & accessibility

Project Rank: 2

Short Description: One of Ohio's top art museums & ranked #4 in places to visit in the Dayton region, DAI is seeking necessary investments to improve the facility which houses its art and prepare for its Centennial. DAI, by its presence, helps drive economic development in Ohio. To preserve, protect and enhance what Orville Wright and others began nearly 100 years ago, we must now honor our past and aggressively plan for our future. DAI is inviting the state of Ohio to become a partner in that investment.

Requester: The Dayton Art Institute
456 Belmonte Park N.
Dayton, Ohio 45405
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$5,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$14,000,000

Funding Sources: Private funds have and are being solicited and secured by a number of local and regional foundations and key community supporters. We are currently in the "quiet phase" of our centennial campaign. The DAI received state funding in the FY '15-16 bill, app

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes Commitments have been made to the Centennial Campaign in excess of \$5,000,000 in the form of matching funds for this phase of the project.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: The DAI will be applying for funding to support the Centennial Campaign from the following:

- Fidelity Foundation
- Ford Foundation
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- National Endowment for the Arts
- National Endowment for Humanities

Community Need:

The DAI Centennial Master Plan project will create an improved, accessible, and more immersive and inclusive visitor experience for both our returning and new visitors. We will no longer be paying for spaces that our guests cannot utilize.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Success will be determined by greater attendance and greater revenue created by better access to Dayton's treasured museum. Improved spaces will allow The DAI to become more sustainable and move us to thriving, not surviving.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
None	26 to 50	1 to 10	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Dayton Peace Museum Elevator

Project Rank: Recommended Project

Short Description: The Dayton International Peace Museum, the only U.S. Peace Museum in its own building, needs a 3-story elevator. The building, which has been paid of, is a beautiful 1877 structure on the National Historic Register. The elevator must be attached to the rear of the building.

Requester: Dayton International Peace Museum
208 W. Monument Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$140,000

Total Project Cost: \$14,000

Funding Sources: n/a
Use of Funds: Construction or Capital
Matching Funds? No
Budget Completed? No
Ready to Spend: Immediately
Potential Funding: n/a

Community Need:

The Peace Museum needs a 3-story elevator for public access. It offers exhibits, an interactive children's room, large peace library, and parking behind. Only the first floor is accessible to some people, and there have been many calls for an elevator.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

visitor/tourist attendance

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
None	None	None	Under \$25,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No.

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Downtown Dayton Arts Facilities Renovations

Project Rank: 4

Short Description: Victoria Theater Association (VTA) owns and operates the Victoria Theatre, Schuster Center, Metropolitan Arts Center, and Arts Garage in downtown Dayton for the benefit of our community. To ensure these facilities remain state of the art in the future, VTA has begun renovations to upgrade fire panels, repair exterior surfaces, and update equipment and building systems. Project funding will allow for additional renovations to improve stage and house lighting, and renovate HVAC systems.

Requester: Victoria Theatre Association
138 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$1,027,500

Total Project Cost: \$2,055,000

Funding Sources: Other funds in the amount of \$1,027,500 will come from Victoria Theatre Association's existing endowment fund.

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes VTA is currently in a campaign to increase our endowment to \$30,000,000. These funds will support capital expenditures, ongoing maintenance, equipment purchases and new education initiatives.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: To our knowledge there are no other funding opportunities from state or federal grants for this project. VTA is pursuing private grants to provide matching funds for the projects included in this request.

Community Need:

As responsible stewards of the Schuster Center, the Victoria Theatre, the Metropolitan Arts Center, and The Arts Garage, Victoria Theatre Association (VTA) is charged with ensuring these facilities remain vital for many years ahead, determining when and what types of capital upgrades and replacements will be required in the future. These landmark facilities are the center of Dayton's arts and cultural life, where patrons experience first-class entertainment and artistic performances as well as outstanding arts education programs. Their presence contributes to a healthy, vibrant downtown and are valuable community assets for companies working to attract new business to the region. Successful arts programs make communities more livable, bring people together, and create unique education opportunities. A thriving arts scene is among the most important factors in attracting and retaining a talented workforce, and enhances the overall quality of a community. Along with many cities in the United States, Dayton recognizes the important role the arts play in maintaining a vibrant downtown. Project funding will help ensure that these arts facilities continue to thrive as the home of VTA, the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, the Human Race Theatre, WDPR Classical Radio and MUSE Machine.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Projects scheduled and completed.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
1 to 10	1 to 10	1 to 10	\$50,001--\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Funk Center, Dayton Ohio

Project Rank: Recommended Project

Short Description: This project is for the creation of a museum to house and maintain Funk memorabilia and to showcase Dayton's unique past in the development of the Funk music genre. The goal is to boost the areas economy, sustain continued growth, as well as provide children a safe and enriched environment to mature.

Requester: Funk Music Hall of Fame & Exhibition Center
34 Soloman St.
Trotwood, Ohio 45426
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)
Funding Requested: \$150,000
Total Project Cost: \$82
Funding Sources: N/A
Use of Funds: Planning or Studies
Matching Funds? No
Budget Completed? No
Ready to Spend: Within the next 6-12 months
Potential Funding: American Express Philanthropic Grants Program
 Ameritech Foundation
 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
 AT&T Foundation
 The G I I I Foundation
 Microsoft Corporation
 Qwest Foundation
 Sprint
 The David and Lucille Packard Foundation
 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
 William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
 USBANCORP

Community Need:

The Funk Music Hall of Fame & Exhibition Center (aka TheFunkCenter) will provide service to youth in the Miami Valley region to engage in the Arts where music Arts in particular are not offered as part of the school curriculum. TheFunkCenter will provide employment to citizens who will develop and maintain the TheFunkCenter for the tourist and visitors of the museum. We need to connect our youth to the innovative and musical heritage that is unique to this region. This will build self-esteem, historical and cultural identity within the psyche of our community. We need to remember the good times and provide a feel good experience for everyone to learn about and enjoy.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

TheFunkCenter's success is measured through the power of the arts and humanities to contribute to the vibrancy of the Miami Valley, enhancing the education of our children, and the employment of our citizens and the strength of tourism as a great economic contributor to the region. All elements measured by the increase in the number of students who are succeeding in school by measurable improvements of grades, a facility which provides opportunities for gainful sustainable employment and tourist who return regularly to experience TheFunkCenter.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
1 to 10	None	26 to 50	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Heritage Center of Regional Leadership

Project Rank: 9

Short Description: The Heritage Center of Regional Leadership is a new 20,000 square foot wing of the Kettering Family Education Center at Carillon Historical Park that will bring together education, community, and regional celebrations in one, multi-functional facility. The Center will include much needed classroom space, exhibits celebrating the leaders of the Dayton region and gathering rooms where people can come together for special events, workshops, and programs.

Requester: Dayton History
1000 Carillon Blvd.
Dayton, Ohio 45409
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$2,300,000

Total Project Cost: \$7,450,000

Funding Sources: Jack W. & Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation - \$500,000 - partially paid pledge
(\$200,000 remaining balance)

Fifth Third Foundation - \$100,000 - paid in full

The Schiewetz Foundation - \$2,300,000 - pledged

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes The Schiewetz Foundation is prepared to match, in full, the amount of funding being requested at this time.

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6-12 months

Potential Funding: Cultural Facilities Grant Program

Community Need:

The Heritage Center of Regional Leadership will serve as an educational center for the region. Each year, Carillon Historical Park welcomes more than 100,000 students from the surrounding 22 counties. The new Leadership Center will provide classroom space that will create more opportunities for students to participate in hands-on educational programs that were previously unavailable due to limited year-round space. Additionally, guests of all ages will be able to learn about and be inspired by the stories of the great leaders of the Dayton region that have helped to develop the Miami Valley into the resilient city that it is today. Through new exhibits featuring many of these beacons of Dayton's past, we are able to go beyond the figures of industry that are highlighted in the Heritage Center of Dayton Manufacturing and Entrepreneurship and explore the history of those individuals who made significant contributions to the region in a variety of fields.

The new facility will provide a glimpse into the past of Dayton through the recreation of the Dayton Arcade rotunda and the early Culp's lunch counter that was a popular staple in the Arcade. The new Culp's will be reminiscent of the traditional soda fountains of yesteryear, immersing guests in a turn-of-the-century historical dining experience. The Arcade Rotunda within the Heritage Center of Regional Leadership will be the focal point of this central gathering place for the community. Providing a venue at Carillon Park that is available during museum operating hours with a capacity of more than 400 seated guests will expand upon the number and types of events that use the museum facilities for their special functions. In creating a space that is centrally located, has ample parking, can accommodate large assemblies, with unrestricted availability, and celebrates the history and leadership of our great region, we are certain that Carillon Park will become an even more essential asset to the greater community.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The success of this project will be measured by the number of educational programs that occur, the number of students served, the number of events that take place, and the number of individuals that visit the facility/attend an event.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
26 to 50	26 to 50	26 to 50	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No opposition.

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Hobson Freedom Park: Phase II

Project Rank: 5

Short Description: Hobson Freedom Park: Phase II will provide amenities, support and adjunct facilities to serve all visitors to the park. Phase II will provide water, sewer, electric, concessions, restrooms, fencing, natural areas, accessible playgrounds, parking and roadways. The continued development of Hobson Freedom Park will draw additional events to the park, increasing regional economic impact and providing a safe, healthy outlet for both local and visiting youth, adults and families.

Requester: Greene County Parks & Trails / Board of Greene County Commissioners
575 Ledbetter Rd.
Xenia, Ohio 45385
Greene County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Beavercreek Twp, Greene County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$1,807,575

Total Project Cost: \$1,907,575

Funding Sources: The Greene County Commissioners committed to an investment of \$350,000 towards the Hobson Freedom Park project for electric service to the park and athletic field irrigation. This installation is currently in process. The irrigation system is scheduled

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes The \$350,000 committed by the Greene County Commissioners is currently being utilized towards improvements to the Hobson Freedom Park facility which will help to offset the cost of the electrical installation needed to power the irrigation system. An additional \$100,000 can be committed to future capital improvements.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: We are not aware of any current programs at this time however we continue to search for additional funding opportunities.

Community Need:

Hobson Freedom Park: Phase II will provide the amenities required to attract additional athletic tournaments to the region. These tournaments bring thousands of visitors to the region who require lodging, restaurants, shopping options and more. The local economy surges during these large tournaments and introduces visitors to the region and our communities. Hobson Freedom Park would increase its role as a primary and support athletic tournament site for additional events.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The number of tournaments and attendees can be measured by comparing event activity before Phase II and activity added after the completion of Phase II of Hobson Freedom Park. The surge in hotel beds during the tournament can be measured through the Greene County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Local businesses can be surveyed to measure the uptick in business experienced during a tournament. Businesses routinely schedule additional staff during a tournament play by contacting the park office for a schedule.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
1 to 10	26 to 50	11 to 25	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Clark, Greene, Montgomery, Warren

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: K12 Gallery & TEJAS Sustainable Building Project

Project Rank: Recommended Project

Short Description: For two years, K12 Gallery & TEJAS has renovated a historic building in disrepair without disruption to visual arts programming. To create a social enterprise model for long-term sustainability, updates to the Wood Studio, Hot Glass Studio, Café and 2nd floor Artists Space will provide the needed infrastructure. Projects include: renewable energy HVAC system, electrical upgrades, outfitted café, ADA bathrooms, elevator shaft repairs, windows and remaining improvements to the building exterior.

Requester: K12 Gallery & TEJAS
341 S. Jefferson St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$680,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,330,000

Funding Sources: K12 Gallery & TEJAS has \$548,600 invested in the building, equipment and its improvements. The building was purchased by Walt Hoy, Board Chair in September, 2013 for \$250,000. K12 Gallery & TEJAS has been paying down a loan to Mr. Hoy and currently owes

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes. Matching funds of \$567,200 include private and state donations of \$190,000; Rental revenue of \$37,200; Artwork sales of \$20,000; in-kind donations of \$70,000; Cost of Building at \$250,000.

Foundation grants in progress of \$32,800

Annual appeal campaign and individual investors is estimated to bring in \$82,800

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: We have a pending grant with the Vectren Foundation for the HVAC system. Other funding to support this project includes

Dayton Power & Light Foundation, U.S. Department of Energy, rebate programs for renewable energy from Vectren and Green Energy Ohio.

K12 Gallery & TEJAS is taking part in a student project with the University of Dayton under the leadership of Dr. Kevin Hallinan. He provides up to 20 students per year experience in conducting commercial and residential energy audits. His latest research has led to the development of low cost commercial building energy audits and the formation of a start-up company, Dropoly, and a web-based energy reduction game (dropoly.com). Dr. Hallinan is author of over 105 papers. Hallinan also serves as Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee for Dayton Regional Green, a regional sustainability umbrella organization.

Community Need:

Our project addresses a two-fold community need: building employable skills for an at-risk population and providing a space for artists to work, gather and sell their works. This project will create four unique areas as a social enterprise model by creating and selling goods while providing a positive impact in the community. These areas include a Wood Studio, Hot Glass Studio, Café, and Artist Space. The Café and Wood and Glass Studios would offer apprentice programs, pairing experienced artists/chefs as mentors to an at-risk group of teens and adults who currently engage in programming at K12 Gallery & TEJAS. Through mastering of skills in woodworking, hot glass and cooking, these individuals will create items that will be sold in our existing Sales Gallery, new Cafe and on-site through our website. This experience will build employable skills and create a resume of experience these individuals can utilize for future employment opportunities. The opportunity to offer employable skills to an often overlooked population, including juveniles on probation and prisoners will give a renewed sense of purpose, confidence and hope to individuals with a desire to create positive futures.

The Artist Space, located on the 2nd floor will provide 30+ individual work areas for artists to create among a community of peers. For a nominal fee, artists will have studio space they can use to teach private lessons and to create their own works of art. The Dayton community will have the opportunity to view, appreciate and purchase art in a similar style to those who visit the 2nd Street Market for baked goods, organic produce and a delicious lunch all under one roof. This concept will serve as a vibrant destination for the new tenants of downtown and for resident in surrounding communities. In addition, an active artist community has the potential to draw in visitors to the Dayton area from nearby cities including Cincinnati and Columbus.

The addition of these social enterprises will have a direct impact on the sustainability for K12 Gallery & TEJAS. Rental revenue generated from the operator of the café and the eventual merchandise created through the Wood Studio and Hot Glass Studio will be reinvested into the organization while building a larger constituency and bringing people into the Downtown Business District.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The goal of this project is to build skills, confidence and hope among a disenfranchised group of individuals and provide artists an affordable place to work. These goals will contribute to a consistent source of revenue for K12 Gallery & TEJAS as they build a sustainable model of operation.

With this goal in mind, we will track the number of apprentice students and adults served. A survey will measure their satisfaction with the program and referrals will be made to organizations who specialize in resumes and job coaching. Working with those agencies, we hope to gain some insight into the eventual employment of these individuals. Since conditions within the job market are not in our control and we may lose contact, our goal is to place 30% of apprentices into the workforce.

We will track the sales generated from products created in the Wood Studio, Hot Glass Studio, Café and Artist Space and track increases form year to year. Our current Sales Gallery generates approximately \$8,500 annually. Our goal for Sales Gallery revenue in year one, with Wood and Hot Glass operational, is \$15,000; year two \$20,000 and year three \$25,000. Rental fee for café owner will be a flexible agreement based on price per square foot agreement and/or percentage of sales. We estimate \$18,000 in revenue in year one.

In addition, the number of visitors will be tracked by county to determine the reach of this project. The current outreach is approximately 25,000 individuals. Upon project completion, our goal is to attract 10% additional visitors in year one; 15% in year two; 20% in year three.

A yearly evaluation of the Artist Space will include the percentage of occupied space and an artist satisfaction survey. Our goal is to have 80% of the spaces rented at all times.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
26 to 50	26 to 50	251 to 500	Under \$25,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Link: Dayton Bike Share Expansion

Project Rank: *Recommended Project*

Short Description: Link: Dayton Bike Share Expansion is an opportunity to continue the success of the system by providing more neighborhoods and businesses access to stations, as well as filling necessary gaps in the station network. The funding requested will expand the existing 24 station system by 10 stations and add 50 bikes to the 225 bikes in the Link fleet. Since launch our users have taken over 24,000 trips, they have collectively burned over 2,500,000 calories, and they have ridden over 63,000 miles.

Requester: Bike Miami Valley
10 N. Ludlow St. STE 727
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Greater Dayton RTA, Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$348,960

Total Project Cost: \$371,460

Funding Sources: Montgomery County - \$60,000 (over three years)

Several other requests have been made, but we will hold those private until the funding is confirmed.

Use of Funds: Equipment Purchases

Matching Funds? Yes. Bike Miami Valley will provide the match.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: The capital funding for Link came from a federally funded Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant and other private/public sponsorships were raised to cover the remaining operating expenses for Link's first three years of operation. Other operational expenses are covered through membership and usage fees. Link would also qualify for Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) grants, but funding for these projects is not available until 2021 unless other projects come under budget or falter.

Community Need:

The project addresses the need for a more convenient, dense station network and a more equitable station network. In Appendix A, we have outlined the potential station locations. Available funding and demonstrated community need will ultimately determine our next areas of growth, but overall the number of stations placed will address density and accessibility.

More systems are moving toward smaller station sizes and denser networks, a trend that was started in Paris and continues to spread. Recently Salt Lake City added five stations to their existing network and recently saw 100,000 trips in just seven months (Appendix B). None of their stations are more than two or three blocks from one another while our system still demonstrates some large gaps in station connectivity. Expanding in a few key areas could produce major trip outcomes in our system.

This funding will also allow us to add stations to neighborhoods that may not otherwise attract a private sponsor. We are currently applying for a Better Bike Share Grant through People for Bikes that will allow us to heavily promote the system to transit users by improving kiosk signage, offering free 24-Hour Memberships, and developing an ambassador program. However, the grant does not allow for station equipment funding. We know that station access is a critical factor in addressing equity issues. Chicago is the leading example (Appendix C). Support from public funds is critical to addressing this community need.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Success will be measured by the following:

- Percentage of ridership (trip) increase after new station launch
- Percentage of membership sales increase
- Number of checkouts at the new stations
- Number of diverse communities served in station placement
- Number of individuals commuting to jobs
- Number of individuals using the system to patronize area restaurants, retail and community events

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
None	1 to 10	1 to 10	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? We are not aware of any opposition to the project.

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Miamisburg Riverfront Park

Project Rank: 7 (Tie)

Short Description: Miamisburg Riverfront Park is a key element in regional and local economic development, specifically for tourism and employee/employer attraction. This regional recreational facility is part of Ohio's Great Corridor riverfront development initiative. The park will utilize the river and regional recreation trail to create a destination venue. The City owns the land and has invested \$110,000 creating a transition venue for hosting events and casual use and \$250,000 in the initial development phase

Requester: City of Miamisburg
 10 N. First St.
 Miamisburg, Ohio 45342
 Montgomery County
Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester
Type of Organization: Government
Location of Project: Miamisburg, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)
Funding Requested: \$5,000,000
Total Project Cost: \$10,000,000
Funding Sources: 2014 \$250,000 ODNR
Use of Funds: Construction or Capital
Matching Funds? Yes. Local Government (City or County)
Budget Completed? Yes
Ready to Spend: Immediately
Potential Funding: Land, Water, Conservation Fund

2016 \$250,000 ODNR-requested

The City is seeking grant opportunities, as well as, launching a capital campaign for private funds for initial and future phases.

Community Need:

This project is a key element in our downtown revitalization efforts. The park is adjacent to the business district. Park patronage through event tourism will have a positive financial impact on business success.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The success will be measured by business recruitment and retention in downtown, as well as, visitor/tourist attendance.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
11 to 25	11 to 25	11 to 25	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Montgomery County Science Day

Project Rank: Not eligible

Short Description: We host a yearly county science fair coordinating 375-405 student projects from 26-30 local schools (and growing). We strive to fill and keep filled the pipeline of qualified science, engineering and mathematics students to satisfy the science and engineering needs of our industrial, health services and educational community. Our program is staffed by volunteers and funded by donations, which allow us to send three students on to the prestigious International Science & Engineering Fair.

Requester: Montgomery County Science Day Committee
 300 College Park

Dayton, Ohio 45469
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$22,913

Funding Sources: Virginia W Kettering Foundation, \$3000, received

Sigma-Aldrich grant, \$4000, applied for

Use of Funds: Administration or Operations

Matching Funds? No

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6 months

Potential Funding: Not as far as we know

Community Need:

This project helps in keeping students interested in STEM subjects and consider science-related jobs.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The project's success will be through student entrance to ISEF and the winning of awards and scholarships.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
None	None	None	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? There is no opposition to the project.

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Piqua Downtown Riverfront Park Improvements

Project Rank: 7 (Tie)

Short Description: The City of Piqua desires to revitalize and enhance the existing riverfront park. Currently, Lock Nine Park is an underutilized and unattractive space that is difficult to access. Its current design is an obstacle to the transformation of the riverfront. Piqua's new Riverfront Park will serve as a central, celebratory space that fully connects and integrates the Great Miami River and its trail system with the downtown business district.

Requester: City of Piqua
201 W. Water St.
Piqua, Ohio 45356
Miami County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Piqua, Miami County (Ohio 8th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$4,800,000

Total Project Cost: \$5,985,000

Funding Sources: Funding Received: ODSA, Office of Redevelopment - \$50,000; U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant - \$400,000; CDC, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry - \$215,000; City funded Property Acquisition and Demolition - \$420,000; City funded Lock Ni

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes Funding Received: ODSA, Office of Redevelopment - \$50,000; U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant - \$400,000; CDC, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry - \$215,000; City funded Property Acquisition and Demolition - \$420,000; City funded Lock Nine Park Redesign Plan - \$75,000; iPiqua Funds - \$25,000

A total of \$1,185,000 has been spent and/or obligated for Piqua's Downtown Riverfront District Improvements.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: A year from now or later

Potential Funding: The City is actively searching grant opportunities.

Community Need:

The Downtown Riverfront Park currently called Lock Nine Park is the cross-section of the Great Miami River Recreational Trail and the US 36 Ohio to Indiana Recreational Trail. Currently, Lock Nine Park is an underutilized and unattractive space that is difficult to access. Its current design is an obstacle to the transformation of the riverfront. Piqua's new Riverfront Park will serve as a central, celebratory space that fully connects and integrates the Great Miami River and its trail system with the downtown. The design of the park better links the downtown to the river by providing a visual and accessible connection between the two. Through the introduction of a new terrace, inclined plane, stairway and trails, enhanced connections between the river and downtown are fostered. New lighting, pathways, landscaping and an interactive water feature provides the visual connection between Water Street and the River Trail. These interventions are in alignment with the former canal and help to make the existing Lock Nine Park much more visible and accessible than it is today. Ultimately, the overall goal of these improvements is to create a much more appealing, aesthetic environment for trail users that will encourage them to stop at the park and continue into the downtown business district. These improvements will boost tourism in the City that will also lead to other private economic ventures in business and placemaking.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

The success will be measured by visitor/tourist attendance as well as business recruitment and retention in the downtown business district.

Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
26 to 50	None	61 to 100	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Miami

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? no

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Project M & M

Project Rank: 1

Short Description: The M & M mission is to develop a venue providing free music and consistance programming to everyone in our community. It will be a family friendly environment where a persons economic status isn't a barrier to attending any of the events because all programming will be free and everyone is welcomed. The ultimate goal is to create a community asset that can be use and accessed by local arts groups, non-profits and educators.

Requester: RME Consulting
200 W. Thruston Blvd.
Dayton, Ohio 45419
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: The requesting organization needs to remain confidentail until our Letter of Agreement is signed within the next 4 wks; at which time I can provide a host of documents, , Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$3,400,000

Total Project Cost: \$5,000,000

Funding Sources: Combination of Foundation Support, Corporate Sponsors, Private donors and Grants. Currently 1.6 million pledged as of 11/13. The remaining \$3.4 M will be funded through public/ private donors and corporate sponsors.

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? YesA national foundation will provide some matching funds/contributions to specific budget line items once they have been completed.

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: A year from now or later

Potential Funding: Exploring potential programs and grants but do not have any current commitments regarding capitol funding beyond a national foundation willing to participate.

Community Need:

To be able provide a family friendly environment where everyone in our community has access to FREE live music ranging from emerging talent to seasoned award-winning artist. Our mission is to build community through music and educational outreach.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

This destination will act as an anchor to drive vibrancy and the catalyst for the development and growth in our urban core.

Success measurements; job creation w/in venue and surrounding businesses, redevelopment of under utilized areas, venue development and programming, creating a "destination" for the community to be proud of and take ownership in.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
1 to 10	1 to 10	26 to 50	\$50,001-\$75,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes

Project Title: Restore OSSO Collier Chapel Meeting space

Project Rank: Recommended Project

Short Description: The Collier Chapel was constructed in 1872 and is in desperate need of renovation and upgrades. Athletes In Action is needing this as usable space for the expected increase to 300,000 annual visitors on campus upon the completion of the Wooden Family Fieldhouse. The money will be used for interior renovation, upgrades of HVAC, electrical, ceiling, plumbing and other internal improvements.

Requester: Athletes in Action
651 Taylor Dr.
Xenia, Ohio 45385
Greene County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Xenia, Greene County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$500,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000

Funding Sources: Rooney Fund - \$275,000 Athletes in Action - \$100,000 in the next 5 years

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? No

Budget Completed? No

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: Not that we are aware of.

Community Need:

Collier Chapel will be made available for use by non profit and educational institutions for meetings, retreats and conferences. The Collier Chapel and cemetery is significant to maintain the history of the OSSO orphanage.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

We want the building to be positioned for use by non profit and educational institutions for the next 50 years without any major repairs. We also want to provide a quality experience for the additional 300,000 visitors to the Athletes in Action campus, city of Xenia and Greene County.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
None	1 to 10	26 to 50	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Greene

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No opposition.

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Tait Station Low Dam Removal

Project Rank: 10

Short Description: The project will improve the biologic, physical and chemical properties of the Great Miami River by removing the Tait Station Low Dam. The dam removal addresses a safety hazard and obstacle to water recreation activities on the Great Miami River. Increasing eco-tourism is a priority goal for the region and state. Originally constructed in 1935 as part of a coal fired electric generating plant; the original purpose of the dam became obsolete in the early 1980's.

Requester: Miami Conservancy District
38 E. Monument Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Miami Conservancy District, Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County)

Type of Organization: Government

Location of Project: Dayton, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$1,689,836

Total Project Cost: \$1,689,836

Funding Sources: The Miami Conservancy District self-funded the study needed to test and evaluate water quality of current river conditions (\$5,000); and self-funded the study needed to evaluate the scope and cost the removal of the dam (\$26,500).

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? Yes. Some local matching funds are available through the River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict.

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Immediately

Potential Funding: Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program

Community Need:

The Great Miami River is a significant quality of life asset to the region and the state. It is a popular regional recreation destination and when the River Run project is complete in downtown Dayton, there will be an increase in river traffic. The Tait Station Low Dam poses a significant safety hazard for river users. Anyone that floats over the dam might be caught in the dangerous downstream current and trapped under water. Fatal accidents have occurred at similar dams in the region. Removing the Tait Station Low Head dam will eliminate a safety hazard and improve water quality. Providing safe conditions on the river is critical.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Increased river usage in that area will be a result of eliminating the safety hazard the Tait Low Dam creates. Removing the dam will also improve the health of the river. Testing of the biology and chemistry will be used to measure the impact on water quality improvement and the habitat. Testing was conducted by the University of Dayton and the Miami Conservancy District in 2014 to evaluate the current conditions prior to dam removal and that will be used as the baseline.

Job Creation:

Direct new jobs created within the next two years	Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years	Total job creation over the next 10 years (Including "spin-off" jobs)	Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years
1 to 10	None	None	\$25,001-\$50,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No.

Do you have letters of endorsement? No

Project Title: Triumph of Flight

Project Rank: Recommended Project

Short Description: This monument will act as a branding agent for Ohio's aviation/aerospace industry. It will be 270 feet tall, soaring above the intersection of I-70/75, visible up to 3 miles away to the occupants of 53 million passing vehicles per year. Millions more internationally will see it in the news, and in business and travel publications. The site will include a reflecting pool, public art depicting Ohio's role in aviation history, an Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame, and an Education Center.

Requester: Wright Image Group, Inc.
1605 N. Main St.
Dayton, Ohio 45405
Montgomery County

Intended Recipient: Recipient Same as Requester

Type of Organization: Non-profit

Location of Project: Butler Township, Montgomery County (Ohio 10th Congressional District)

Funding Requested: \$10,566,500

Total Project Cost: \$20,600,000

Funding Sources: Significant support has been received from many individuals and organizations throughout the state. Donors have provided over \$1,847,000 in both cash and services (marketing, engineering, etc.). These donations are characterized as follows:

- \$600,000

Use of Funds: Construction or Capital

Matching Funds? No

Budget Completed? Yes

Ready to Spend: Within the next 6-12 months

Potential Funding: This project qualifies as a Cultural Facility Project under the auspices of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

State funds will be used in two other categories listed in question 34 - Land Acquisition and Planning or Studies. Land has been committed by Singer Properties, but must be formally purchased even though cost will be trivial. Planning entails completion of design, preparation of construction drawings, and contract bidding. Actual construction, however, will be the bulk of the funds.

Community Need:

The primary purpose of the monument is to act as a branding agent for Ohio, specifically to help promote its long-standing prominence in the aviation/aerospace industry in a way to capture future business presence and investment, as well as significant tourism dollars. The primary benefit will be to attract attention to the past and present accomplishments of that industry within Ohio, as well as highlighting its yet-unrealized potential.

The Triumph of Flight will also remind Americans that Ohio is the rightful birthplace of aviation. Located in the heart of the 8 counties in SW Ohio that comprise the only federally-designated National Heritage Area dedicated to aviation, it will draw additional attention to all the partners of the National Aviation Heritage Alliance - the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, e.g., and seventeen other important aviation related sites. The monument will help connect people to many important aviation and aerospace events and sites all across Ohio in surprising ways and will develop statewide attention for Dayton.

A third significant benefit will be its contribution to education across the state. Throughout the planning and construction of this project we have taken videos and collected data to be used in development of important and voluminous teacher materials. Through the good offices of the Ohio Aerospace Institute we have already had several universities express interest in helping to develop related STEM, history, art, and business lessons for many grade levels. The site itself will provide facilities to support visits by students of all ages to immerse themselves in the state's rich aviation history and aviation-centered public art.

The Triumph of Flight will also create a new and growing sense of pride resulting from the international recognition the project will bring. This will become a state-wide hallmark of American ingenuity and a continuing reminder of the technological prominence described and honored at the site.

What is the measurement that will be used to determine whether the project was successful?

Jobs created or retained. Construction itself will involve over 600 people locally and an equal number across the state. The project will also augment the efforts of JobsOhio and the DDC to attract new business investment to Ohio, expanding the state's current \$10B annual investment in aviation/aerospace R&D, and shining a spotlight on the more than 1300 aerospace companies already in Ohio. Chmura Economics and Analytics reports that, largely because it is under-emphasized, Ohio's aerospace industry has the most unrealized potential of the nine industries the state has targeted for growth. The Triumph of Flight will be a useful tool in addressing that unrealized potential. Ohio's past industry investment is wide-spread and the industry future is elastic. Long term, this project will help strengthen state-wide efforts to retain over 50,000 industry-related jobs during a time of shrinking government spending on defense.

In addition to state-wide aviation/aerospace expansion, this project will boost the regional hospitality and tourism industry by putting more people in restaurant seats, in hotel beds, and in front of museum exhibits. For example, both during construction and increasingly more every year afterwards, we would expect a dramatic impact on the nearby Miller Lane economic community. See the attachment, "Economic Impact From the Triumph of Flight."

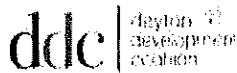
Job Creation:

<i>Direct new jobs created within the next two years</i>	<i>Direct existing jobs retained within the next two years</i>	<i>Total job creation over the next 10 years (including "spin-off" jobs)</i>	<i>Average salary of jobs created over the next 10 years</i>
251 to 500	501 to 1,000	501 to 1,000	Under \$25,000

In which county will most of the jobs be created? Montgomery

Are you aware of any opposition to the project? No.

Do you have letters of endorsement? Yes



December 22, 2015

Honorable Cliff Rosenberger
Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Speaker Rosenberger:

On behalf of the greater Dayton Region, the Dayton Development Coalition, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce are providing you with the attached lists of community projects for possible inclusion in the FY2017-18 State Capital Bill. The enclosed lists of projects are in priority order, and the requested projects will have a significant economic or cultural impact to our region. The project lists are very strong and deserving of consideration for the upcoming state capital bill.

Our organizations followed our established Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) process for reviewing the numerous project requests and worked collaboratively with regional stakeholders to identify potential projects, with a focus on those projects that may provide the greatest impact to the region. Three committees composed of community members, cultural and performing arts professionals and economic development leaders discussed, reviewed and ultimately agreed to the list submitted.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and other state leaders. An invitation has previously been extended to you and other members of the state delegation to meet with representatives from our three organizations on Friday, January 8 at 8:00 a.m. at the Coalition offices to discuss the projects and our process. In addition, we remain at your disposal to provide any additional information or answer any question that may arise during this process.

As you know, establishing eligibility for capital funding is not always clear-cut. While we have attempted to determine eligibility for the projects on the attached lists, we continue to work with potential state bond funding sources and state officials on possible joint use agreements to ensure projects can be funded. We will keep you and your staff apprised of any changes.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Hoagland
President & CEO
Dayton Development Coalition

Phillip L. Parker
President & CEO
Dayton Area Chamber

Michael McDorman
President & CEO
Greater Springfield Chamber

Attachments: Regional Economic Development Project List
Regional Cultural Arts Project List

2015-16 Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC)

Projects Recommended by Economic Development Review Panel and
approved by PDAC for State Capital Budget Bill Consideration
Approved December 21, 2015

Ranked in Priority Order

<i>Project Rank</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Requester</i>	<i>Requested Amount</i>	<i>Recommended Amount</i>
1	Wilmington Air Park Aviation Infrastructure Improvements	Clinton County Port Authority	\$4,979,500	\$4,979,500
2	Tech Town Technology Transfer and Commercialization	CityWide Development Corporation	\$600,000	\$600,000
3	Dayton Aviation Heritage Development Project	Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc.	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000
4	Springfield Downtown Parking Facility	City of Springfield	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
5	Neil Armstrong Airport Modernization and Safety Project	Auglaize County Board of County Commissioners	\$750,000	\$750,000
6	Gaming Research Integration Learning Lab (GRILL) Relocation	Wright State Applied Research Corporation	\$3,500,000	\$1,000,000
7	One-Stop Facility for Integrated Behavioral Health	Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services	\$1,200,000	\$1,000,000
8	Midtown Redevelopment Project	City of Dayton and Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
9	Ellis Human Development Institute Lower-Level Expansion	Wright State University School of Professional Psychology	\$640,000	\$640,000
10	Greene County REACH Center - Clark State	Clark State Community College	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000
11	Facilities For The National VA Archives	American Veterans Heritage Center	\$20,000,000	\$1,000,000
12	Integrated Unmanned Aerial System Research Test Bed	Sinclair Community College	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
13	Cybersecurity Education Curriculum Pilot	Lunarline, Inc.	\$250,000	\$250,000
14	New Carlisle Civic Center (NCCIA)	New Carlisle Civic Improvement Association, Inc.	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
15	Dayton International Airport Energy Systems Efficiency Upgrades	City of Dayton, Dayton International Airport	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
16	Sinclair CC Blair Hall Performing Arts Center Basic Renovation	Sinclair Community College	\$790,000	\$790,000
	Enabling Manufacturing Innovation & Renewal BAAM *	University of Dayton Research Institute	\$750,000	\$750,000

**This project was received after the deadline; therefore it was not ranked or reviewed by the Economic Development Review Panel.*

2015-16 Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC)

**Projects Recommended by Quality of Life Review Panel and
approved by PDAC for State Capital Budget Bill Consideration
Approved December 21, 2015**

Priority Recommendations for FY 17-FY 18 Capital Bill Funding In Priority Order

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| 1) Project M&M | \$3.4 million |
| 2) Dayton Art Institute's Centennial – preservation & accessibility | \$5 million |
| 3) Boonshoft Museum of Discovery STEM Education Wing | \$2.8 million |
| 4) Downtown Dayton Arts Facilities (Victoria Theatre Association) | \$1.02 million |
| 5) Hobson Freedom Park: Phase II | \$1.8 million |
| 6) Clark State Performing Arts Center Updates | \$2.2 million |
| 7) Miamisburg Riverfront Park | \$5 million |
| Piqua Downtown Riverfront Park Improvements | \$4.8 million |
| • QOL and PDAC recommend the two projects above are tied for #7 | |
| 9) Heritage Center for Regional Leadership (Dayton History) | \$2.3 million |
| 10) Tait Station Low Dam Removal | \$1.7 million |

Recommended for FY17-FY18 Capital Bill Funding In Alpha Order

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| • Dayton Peace Museum Elevator | \$140,000 |
| • Funk Center, Dayton Ohio | \$150,000 |
| • K12 Gallery & TEJAS Sustainable Building Project | \$680,000 |
| • Link: Dayton Bike Share Expansion | \$349,000 |
| • Restore OSSO Collier Chapel Meeting Space | \$500,000 |
| • Triumph of Flight | \$10.56 million |

Reviewed for FY17-FY18 Capital Bill Funding In Alpha Order

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|---|---------|
| • Montgomery County Science Day | \$5,000 |
| o QOL noted that because this project was for operations, it is ineligible for state capital budget funding | |

From: Best, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:43 AM
To: Miller, Brad
CC: Lenzo, Mike; Baker, Dan; Dittoe, Michael; Lundregan, Scott; Webb, Benjamin; Sarko, Alyssa
Subject: Re: Laura Bischoff response draft for review

Is it necessary to have legal reach out if we're sending these documents?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2016, at 10:39 AM, Miller, Brad <Brad.Miller@ohiohouse.gov> wrote:

Hi all – below is a response I've drafted for Laura Bischoff. Please advise. Also note that there are two documents attached. Should these come from me, legal, etc.? Thanks.

Also, I've copied and pasted the initial email she sent to me, for your reference.

Hi Laura,

I've worked with our legal staff regarding the public records portion of your email, and they will be in contact with you today.

Attached are documents put together by the Dayton Development Coalition, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, which outline some of the capital bill recommendations for the Dayton region.

As for the general schedule of the capital bill, we expect to have the bill dropped during the first week of April. Both chambers, beginning with the Senate, will have equal amount of time to consider the bill. Then we would expect to have the legislation to Governor Kasich by the end of April or early May.

Thank you,

Brad Miller

Deputy Communications Director / Press Secretary
Office of Speaker Clifford Rosenberger
Ohio House of Representatives
(614) 466-8759

From Laura:

The Buckeye Institute posted on its Facebook page its list of most ridiculous state capital requests. #2 on the list is the \$10 million requested for the Triumph of Flight monument at the I-70/I-75 intersection to honor the Wright Brothers.

1. Who is backing this request?
2. Could you please send me the capital funding requests from the areas of Montgomery/Greene/Miami/Warren/Clark counties?
3. What is the general schedule for the capital bill?

Thanks.
Laura

PS: Here is the Buckeye Institute's posting:

The Buckeye Institute

February 19 at 6:02pm ·

A private group wants Ohio taxpayers to finance a giant Wright brothers memorial at the intersection of I-70 and I-75 in Dayton. "The Triumph of Flight," a little shorter than the Statue of Liberty, would cost taxpayers \$10.6 million.

We rank this 270-foot statue as the #2 Most Ridiculous Request made to legislators for inclusion in the Capital Appropriations Budget. Please LIKE or SHARE this Post if you think this grand idea should be privately funded.

<PDAC 2015-16 State Cap Requests Project Info for Legislators.pdf>
<Speaker Rosenberger.pdf>

From: Miller, Brad
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 9:53 AM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: FW: Message from BUCKEYE INST FO (16142243255)
Attachments: VoiceMessage.wav

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You were in the loop on this Sprague-Buckeye Institute thing, correct? You're mentioned in the voicemail. Is this now in the hands of Sprague's office?

From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System [mailto:unityconnection@unityohr]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:51 AM
To: bradmiller@unityohr
Subject: Message from BUCKEYE INST FO (16142243255)

From: Best, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 9:55 AM
To: Miller, Brad
Subject: RE: Message from BUCKEYE INST FO (16142243255)

Yes, Andrew said he was taking care of it, but I'm just going to call this person now.

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Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 6:00 PM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: Ohio Report, Monday, March 21, 2016
Attachments: Mar21.htm; Mar21House.htm; Mar21Senate.htm;
160321dayplan.htm



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Energy Companies Remain Hopeful For March Ruling On PPAs

For more than a year and a half, AEP and FirstEnergy have waited for the Public Utilities Commission's orders on their controversial Power Purchase Agreements - decisions that have been expected to be made in the first quarter of 2016.

But with just one more meeting of the PUCO scheduled for this month, it's possible the wait for one or both decisions could stretch into the second quarter.

The PUCO is scheduled to meet just once more this month - a March 30 meeting for which the agenda has not yet been finalized. The commission will not meet March 23.

Whether the agenda will include one or both cases hasn't yet been determined, but PUCO spokesman Matt Schilling said any belief the ruling will come in the first quarter has been conjecture.

"For what it's worth the commission's never indicated when a decision may be," Mr. Schilling said. "There is lots of speculation out there, but we don't know."

The companies involved and their opponents have been anticipating first quarter orders. Should a decision not come in two weeks' time, the cases a year and a half or more in the making would be poised to continue.

The utilities are hopeful a decision arrives sooner, rather than later. In FirstEnergy's case, for example, the company has two energy auctions scheduled in April under the Electric Security Plan scheduled to begin June 1.

"So we're very hopeful we can get an order in this case so we can proceed with these auctions," spokesman Doug Colafella said. "Because as of June 1, we don't have power supply purchased for our customers."

"I think everyone is hopeful a decision may come as of next meeting. But obviously it's up to commission to put it on the agenda."

AEP spokeswoman Tammy Ridout said the company is "hopeful the commission will issue an order quickly."

"They have all the evidence in hand and we think they should approve the settlement agreement we've proposed," she said. "It's been a long process and we're ready for it to move forward,"

Potentially complicating matters is the ongoing complaints against both PPAs before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel in February urged the PUCO to delay ruling until the FERC cases are settled. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 17, 2016)

In their latest filing, the Electric Power Supply Association argued that the companies have failed to rebut the concerns raised in the complaints and FERC "should issue an order as soon as possible granting the complaints."

The group cites opposition from PJM, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Council and others as showing the merits of its case.

"It is rare to see these parties and suppliers in complete agreement on wholesale market issues, and that they are should be a clear sign that, to paraphrase Shakespeare, something is rotten in the state of Ohio," the group wrote.

In their testimony, AEP and FirstEnergy both argue FERC has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the complaints are baseless because the allegations of consumer harm are "misplaced." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 24, 2016)

Controlling Board Approves Funding For Elections Training, Teacher Certification, Licensure

Controlling Board members approved \$92,500 in funding for the Secretary of State's office to hold elections training in Cleveland, though one lawmaker questioned why the event wasn't slated for Columbus.

The training event has recently been held either in Columbus as a two-day event or at five locations around the state as one-day events. Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) asked if having the event in Cleveland could affect turnout for people in distant parts of the state. If turnout is low, he said, it could mean the office would have to come back before the board for more money.

Veronica Sherman, chief financial officer for the secretary of state's office, said she didn't expect to need more money.

"I think the cost that we have laid out here is the high end of the parameter and we would not expect to have to come back for more money," she said.

The office wanted to have only one event because it allows for more intensive training, she said.

Sen. Tom Sawyer (D-Akron) questioned part of a request from the Department of Education for \$3.2 million over two years for teacher certification and licensure, which includes the Office of Professional Conduct. The proposal cited an increase in the number of open cases, partially because of high-profile data manipulation scandals.

Sen. Sawyer asked if the department was targeting any particular types of schools or other programs in investigating data manipulation. Aaron Rausch, the department's director of budget and school funding, said they focused on individuals, not broad types of school districts.

"We appreciate that you don't want to go out on a witch hunt, but having said that, knowing that you're well targeted gives us more comfort," Sen. Sawyer said.

Mr. Rausch said the data manipulation cases are part of the increased load at the Office of Professional Conduct, but are not the only reason for the increase. Other things that have increased the caseload include a program that tracks the backgrounds of teachers and employees after they have been hired, finding any new hits to their record while they are working.

"Just in general there has been an increase in the caseload of the Office of Professional Conduct," he said.

The Controlling Board also approved a new contract the Department of Administrative Services reached with the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council. The contract covers more than 500 employees statewide in eight state agencies, said Kristen Rankin, interim deputy director for the Office of Collective Bargaining.

The contract runs through June 30, 2018, and is similar to past contracts, though changes include switching from an annual clothing allowance to reimbursement and modifying the drug-free workplace policy to prohibit employees from working if they have blood alcohol contents above 0.02.

A request for \$1.45 million from the Development Services Agency for programs aimed at revitalizing distressed communities was deferred at the agency's request.

Other items approved by the board included requests for (Agenda):

- \$4.4 million from the Court of Claims for the payment of a wrongful imprisonment settlement for Kwame Ajamu, formerly Ronnie Bridgeman, and Wiley Bridgeman.
- \$615,852 from the Department of Natural Resources for geological mapping.
- \$1.9 million from the Ohio State University for a higher education system maintenance and upgrade project. The system manages data on student enrollment, courses, financial aid and more.
- \$3.1 million from OSU for roof and electrical repairs for three buildings on the Marion campus.
- \$4 million from the Development Services Agency for affordable housing assistance grants.

- \$1.9 million from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for a number of projects to clean up polluted sites.

Riedel Plans To Pursue Right To Work, Push For Economic Development After Toppling Incumbent

Although he was an outsider in a primary race against an incumbent, businessman Craig Riedel has had no shortage of attention from Columbus since winning his bid to head to the statehouse in January.

The Defiance Republican edged out Rep. Tony Burkley (R-Paulding) in last week's primary to represent Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert and part of Auglaize counties.

Lacking a Democrat competitor in the November election, Mr. Riedel, 49, will be headed to the Statehouse next year. After a brief hiatus from campaigning, he said he'll begin crafting his agenda by meeting with fellow lawmakers who've already begun courting him.



Craig Riedel

"I'm in a major learning curve right now. I'm going to take the summer to meet with those other representatives who've reached out to me that want to talk to me and let me know what I might expect as to how things operate," said the newcomer, who had never run for a political office before retiring from a management position at Nucor Corporation in July to pursue the House seat.

Mr. Riedel said he'll also be familiarizing himself with the capital city, having only spent a brief amount of time at the Statehouse during the last General Assembly.

Ironically, that visit was a "shadowing" of Rep. Burkley while the incumbent performed his state rep duties. Unbeknownst to his host, Mr. Riedel would soon be angling for his job.

Mr. Riedel said he asked Mr. Burkley for the opportunity because he wanted to learn more about the legislature.

When the House GOP first threw its financial support behind Rep. Burkley, Mr. Riedel said he was confused because no one in the party had gotten to know him. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 4, 2016)

It's customary for both parties to protect their incumbents, especially in key elections where candidates have well-financed and organized campaigns like that of Mr. Riedel. However, the winner of Tuesday's election said he was able to pull off a victory despite the powers-that-be because voters trust him.

"I think the people we met, they saw the sincerity in my words and my life and they had the confidence in me that I was going to go to Columbus and truly represent them and that I would not be afraid to be criticized or that I wouldn't be afraid to go against the line when I felt it was necessary," he said.

At the risk of upsetting the party, Mr. Riedel said that while he's planning to vote mostly with his peers, he won't be afraid to lead on conservative issues that haven't yet been tackled, such as making Ohio a so-called "right to work" state.

Working with Nucor Corporation for 27 years, he said he saw a number of businesses choose to settle in neighboring states such as Indiana or Michigan because workers in those states are not required to join unions.

"I understand why unions may be necessary but what I believe is an individual should have a right to choose whether or not they want to belong to a union or not," he said. "I think it's wrong that you're required in Ohio to join a union if there is a union in your facility. You should have that freedom of choice."

Working in private business his entire career, Mr. Riedel said he understands how important teamwork is to being successful, however sticking to one's principals is just as important.

"I'm always going to be very respectful and of the Republican Party and I'm very conservative, but I'm always going to do what I think is right and there are going to be times when that goes divergent from what the Republicans would like me to do," he said.

"My bosses are my God and the constituents of the 82nd House District. That's who I'm going to answer to. I'm always going to do what I believe is the right thing to do," Mr. Riedel continued.

Having already knocked on the doors of 4,400 constituents with his wife, Danette, leading up to the election, he said he'll continue meeting with people in his district and find out what issues they care most about.

Another priority will be meeting with business and civic groups to determine the best way to meet his goals of reducing taxes and business regulations as well as spurring economic development, Mr. Riedel said.

Kasich Lags In Money Race, Walks Back Statement On Garland, Announces Arizona Leadership Team And Campaign Stops...

Gov. John Kasich trails competitors Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and billionaire Donald Trump in the race to secure enough delegates to secure the Republican Party's nomination for president.

He also trails in the money race.

Gov. Kasich reported \$1.25 million on hand at the beginning of March, according to his latest campaign finance report filed with the Federal Election Commission. In February, he raised \$3.4 million and spent \$3.6 million.

Sen. Cruz began the month of March with \$8 million on hand. He raised \$11.8 million and spent \$17.5 million in February.

Mr. Trump had \$1.6 million on hand at the beginning of March. He raised just \$2 million in February, but loaned his campaign nearly \$7 million during the month, bring the total to \$24.3 million since entering the campaign. He spent \$9.5 million in February.

Garland: Over the weekend, the governor was forced to walk back a comment he made about President Barack Obama's pick to fill the seat of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

During a taped interview for CBS' "Face the Nation," Gov. Kasich suggested he would consider nominating Merrick Garland to a seat on the bench.

He later said that statement was made "in an effort to be polite."

"Look, you know, Garland's - I'm going have my own picks for Supreme Court," he said. "You know, the fact is, I said that they ought to meet him and talk to him, and I'm not going to pick somebody who's, you know, obviously not a respecter of the Second Amendment. I don't want people making law and so nobody should be confused, worked up or upset. He's not going to be my pick for the Supreme Court."

Also, during a taped interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Gov. Kasich ruled out the possibility of being the running mate of either Sen. Cruz or Mr. Trump.

Leadership Team: Ahead of Tuesday's primary contest in Arizona, Gov. Kasich announced his leadership team there that includes two state lawmakers, two former chiefs of staff to governors, a disability rights advocate and several activists.

"We have a great team in Arizona," Gov. Kasich said. "I am very appreciative of their help to share our positive message to strengthen our country and bring real solutions to the America people."

Campaign Stops: Gov. Kasich on Monday was one of four presidential candidates scheduled to address the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference.

In his speech to AIPAC, Gov. Kasich made a pitch based on experience, according to *Politico*.

On Wednesday, he is scheduled to hold a town hall event in Wisconsin, where he picked up the endorsement of former Treasurer Jack Voight.

Draft Kasich Movement: According to *New York Times Magazine* writer Robert Draper, the GOP establishment is not rushing to get on board the bandwagon for Gov. Kasich to secure the party's nomination in a brokered process.

According to Mr. Draper, party insiders are rejecting the movement because of his poor showing in most states, along with his support for Medicaid expansion and embrace of Common Core, despite helping to balance the budget as chairman of the House Budget Committee.

"But there's a third layer of resistance to Kasich, one with which Cruz can identify: Many Beltway Republicans don't like him," he writes.

"No doubt Chairman Kasich's strict budgets made life unpleasant for a few lobbyists. But so did his demeanor - which, D.C. veterans say, was often sanctimonious and rude," he continued.

Campaign Continues: Despite needing more than 100 percent of remaining elected delegates to secure the party's nomination, Gov. Kasich on Monday again reiterated that he has no plans to get out of the race.

Speaking on CNN's "New Day" on Monday morning, the governor said a brokered convention will be "an extension of this primary process."

"If I'm the only one that can beat Hillary in the fall, why would anybody say I should leave? I mean that's just -- that's nuts," he said.

Agency Briefs: AG Rejects Another Pot Petition; Review Of EPA Rules Delayed; Painesville Man Busted For Workers' Comp Fraud; Ballot Board To Meet; Sebring Gets Funds.

Attorney General Mike DeWine on Monday rejected petition language for a ballot measure to make medicinal marijuana legal in Ohio.

The petition, Medicinal Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Amendment, was submitted by Grassroots OH with more than 2,000 signatures.

However, Mr. DeWine found two defects in the summary language, including the lack of references to proposed amendment language that "industrial hemp and medicinal cannabis shall be researched, regulated, and promoted by the state in a manner substantially similar to other agricultural crops" and another section that states 21-year-olds have "equal opportunity to access, ownership, and employment."

On Friday, Mr. DeWine rejected petition language filed by Ohio Medical Cannabis Care LLC based on 11 defects. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 18, 2016)

Since 2011, Mr. DeWine has rejected petition language for 13 measures dealing with marijuana.

A decision on the proposed language of another medical marijuana ballot measure is scheduled to be released Friday.

JCARR: Amid concerns raised by some municipalities, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review put off a hearing on Ohio EPA rules that came out of legislation (SB 1) designed to deal with toxic algal bloom in Lake Erie.

The regulations include monitoring and reporting of harmful algal blooms in public water systems.

"We just felt there had to be a few more questions asked," Chairman Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) said following the meeting.

According to Sen. Uecker, the rules are expected to be back on the agenda for review at the April 4 meeting.

Bureau of Workers' Compensation: A Lake County man was convicted of workers' compensation fraud after the agency's Special Investigations Department captured video of him working as a handyman.

Mark Walker, who was receiving temporary total disability, was ordered to repay nearly \$75,000 in benefits he collected over a five-year period. He was also sentenced to 12 to 18 months incarceration, which was suspended for three years of community control.

"The purpose of temporary total disability is to give injured workers time to recuperate, and work activity during that recovery period is prohibited," BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer said. "Mr. Walker deceptively returned to employment for several years and continued to collect thousands of dollars from BWC."

Secretary of State: The Ballot Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday and will take up two ballot measures, one a proposed initiative designed to boost the clean energy industry and the other a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban former lawmakers from lobbying for two years after leaving office, and cap most legislators' pay at the annual median household income in Ohio.

Sebring Water Grant: The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded the Village of Sebring a \$400,000 grant to assist with water quality improvements, a development welcomed by state and federal lawmakers.

"This grant will help provide much needed upgrades to Sebring's water system but the work is far from over," Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) said in a statement. "We need to acknowledge that water quality issues will continue to plague our communities until our state makes an honest investment into fixing our crumbling underground water and sewer infrastructure."

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman stated, "I'm pleased that federal authorities are helping Sebring ensure its water supply is safe. As we move forward, I hope the Senate will act in a bipartisan way to help Ohio and other areas of the country who have similar needs. I will continue to work in a bipartisan manner to ensure that all Ohioans have access to clean and safe drinking water."

Lead-tainted water in the village and officials' slow reaction in alerting residents has led to fallout at the local level, where the Ohio EPA announced violations, and at the state level, where two agency employees were fired following a review of the circumstances. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 17, 2016)

At the federal level, both Mr. Portman and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) have backed related legislation on clean water issues, which have come to the forefront in recent months due to lead tainted water in Flint, Mich., Sebring and elsewhere. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 3, 2016)

Politics Notebook: Ramos Looks To Add Early Voting Sites; Portman On Air With Web Ad, Defends Supreme Court Decision; Clyde Up For Award

One state lawmaker is advocating for an increased number of early voting sites.

Rep. Dan Ramos plans legislation that would allow counties to have one early voting location for every 60,000 residents. The additional early voting sites would require the approval of a county board of commissioners or, in case of Cuyahoga and Summit counties, the chartered governing body.

"With early voting for the primary recently concluding in Ohio, I believe it is time to examine and address an inequality in the system," he said. "With such variation in population, a 'one-size fits all' approach that limits the number of early voting centers does not adequately encourage public participation in the democratic process."

Under the proposal, 23 counties would be eligible to open at least one additional early voting center, according to Rep. Ramos.

"Voting is a right central to what makes us American, and this bill expands access to that right," Ramos said. "Allowing more early voting locations closer to home will benefit both

suburban and township voters outside of the city center, as well as lower income voters with limited transportation options."

Senate Race: The campaign of Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) is up with a web ad touting his work to help Hebron-based ArmorSource secure a federal contract.

According to the ad, the company has added 200 jobs since inking the deal.

In a Sunday op-ed for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Sen. Portman defended his decision to join with fellow Senate Republicans in refusing to hold hearings on President Barack Obama's choice to fill the seat of former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

"I have concluded that the best thing for the country is to trust the American people to weigh in and to have the confirmation process take place in a less partisan atmosphere," he wrote. "Awaiting the result of a democratic election, rather than having a nomination fight in this contentious election-year environment, will give the nominee more legitimacy and, as then - Senator Biden pointed out, better preserve the institutional credibility of the Senate and the court."

The decision has earned praise from the Judicial Crisis Network, which is launching a \$2 million TV, radio and digital ad campaign in six states, including Ohio.

"The goal of this effort is to inform and alert the citizens of Ohio that in opposing President Obama's third liberal nominee to the Supreme Court, Senator Portman is also opposing liberal domination of the court and that, with the presidential election so close, he is right to allow the people of Ohio a voice in this lifetime appointment to the nation's highest court," Carrie Severino, chief counsel for JCN and a former U.S. Supreme Court clerk, said in a statement.

"As a federal judge, Garland has made rulings undermining the Second Amendment rights of Ohioans as well as defended expansive, unchecked power of federal agencies such as the EPA, decisions that harm Ohio small businesses," she continued.

The move has drawn criticism from Democrats, including Sen. Portman's general election opponent, former Gov. Ted Strickland. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 16, 2016)

Sen. Portman also announced on Monday the addition of Michawn Rich as his campaign's communications director.

"We are very excited to have Michawn Rich join us as we kick off the general election," campaign manager Corry Bliss said. "Michawn's discipline and experience in competitive races - including 2014's most competitive congressional race in the country - will be a great addition to our team. She is a seasoned communicator who will help us contrast Rob's vision for a brighter future with why Ohio can't go back to Ted Strickland's Ohio when the state lost over 350,000 jobs and ranked 48th in job creation."

Clyde Nominated For Award: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) on Monday urged people to vote for Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) to receive the Gabrielle Giffords Rising Star Award by EMILY's List.

"Kathleen is one of Ohio's biggest rising stars. She's an outspoken advocate for voting rights, and even in our state's conservative legislature, Kathleen has proven an effective fighter for Ohio's women and workers," he said.

Ms. Clyde also announced that she will make stops in Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati with author Ari Berman to discuss his new book, *Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America*.

Capitol Scene: Former Dispatch Editor Marrison Joins Yost Team

State Auditor Dave Yost said Monday he's hired Ben Marrison, the former *Columbus Dispatch* editor, as his communications director.

He replaces Carrie Bartunek, who was named senior policy adviser for public affairs.

"Ben's extensive media experience and management expertise will be a great addition to our office," Auditor Yost said in a statement. "He is a trusted name in Columbus and all over the state of Ohio, and we are fortunate to have him join our team."

Mr. Marrison, 52, previously worked for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and *Toledo Blade*. He starts his new post April 4 with an annual salary of \$105,000.

"The state auditor's office embodies those things that I always tried to do as a journalist: be transparent, provide public access and hold people accountable. I have a great deal of respect for the way Dave Yost has conducted himself as state auditor and as Delaware County prosecutor. His decisions are rooted in doing the right things by taxpayers without regard to politics," Marrison said.

"The position of director of communications provides me the opportunity to continue my public service, to help citizens understand how their money is being spent, and to better understand government operations -- something I've been fascinated with since my earliest days as a reporter."

Mr. Marrison, a Pickerington resident, holds a journalism degree from Bowling Green State University.

Attorney General's Opinion

No. 2016-010. Requested by Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard.
SYLLABUS:

The judges of a court of common pleas, in the reasonable exercise of their discretion, may expend moneys generated by the court's special projects fee imposed pursuant to R.C. 2303.201(E)(1) to purchase incentives that reward a participant's compliance with the terms of the court's drug court program, provided the judges determine that the incentives contribute to the efficient operation of the court.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Wednesday, March 23

Ballot Board, Senate Finance Haring Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 2:30 p.m. (The board will meet to determine whether each of the proposed constitutional amendments known as the "Ohio Clean Energy Initiative" and the "Ohio Ethics First Amendment" contain only one proposed amendment.)

Thursday, March 24

BWC Nominating Council, Conf. Rms. B&C, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

Optical Dispensers Board, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Wednesday, April 6

Senate Republican candidate Frank Hoagland fundraiser, The Galley, 203 Second St., Marietta, 4:30 p.m., (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500; Individual - \$350 to Hoagland for Ohio)

Tuesday, April 12

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP Legislative Reception, 52 East Gay St., Columbus, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Host - \$1,000; Sponsor - \$500; Individual - \$350 to The Committee to Elect Joe Uecker)

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House Activity for Monday, March 21, 2016

INTRODUCED

HB 492 ■ **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Rogers, J., Driehaus, D.)** To create the Supplemental State Capital Improvements Pilot Program funded by a temporary transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund and to make an appropriation. Am. 131.43, 131.44, and 164.01 and to enact section 164.18.

HB 493 ■ **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (Sears, B., Ryan, S.)** To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law. Am. 307.627, 2151.421, 2151.422, 2151.99, 3701.701, 5153.16, 5153.175, and 5153.176.

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Senate Activity for Monday, March 21, 2016

INTRODUCED

SB 297 ■ **STUDENT EXPULSIONS (Hughes, J.)** With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. Am. 3313.66 and 3313.661 and to enact section 3313.668.

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, March 22

Legislative Committees

~~Canceled: Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.~~

~~Canceled: Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.~~

- If needed

Agency Calendar

Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 8 a.m.

Event Planner

Presidential primaries/caucuses in Arizona, Utah & Idaho (Democratic)

ACLU of Ohio and Ohio Justice and Policy Center news conference to release criminal justice report, Judicial Room, Sheraton at Capitol Square, 75 E. State St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) and Rep. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Hts.) news conference on bill to remove firearms in certain domestic violence situations, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

Rep. Greta Johnson (D-Akron) and Sen. Capri Cafaro (D-Hubbard) news conference on gender diversification legislation, Ladies Gallery, Statehouse, Columbus, 2 p.m.

Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Tally Ho Room, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Event Host \$1,000; Event Sponsor \$500; Individual Attendee \$350 to Troy Balderson for State Senator)

Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) fundraiser, Athletic Club, Gold Rm., 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for Hottinger)

Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus) fundraiser, Athletic Club, Crystal Rm., 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for Kevin Bacon)

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) fundraiser, Claddaugh, 585 S. Front St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Hoste: \$1,000; Sponsor \$500; Individual attendee: \$350 to Friends of Bill Coley)

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Jim likely knows this and is wording this inartfully, but the SCOTUS decision only dealt with public sector unions. Traditional "right to work" bills affect both public and private sector unions.

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